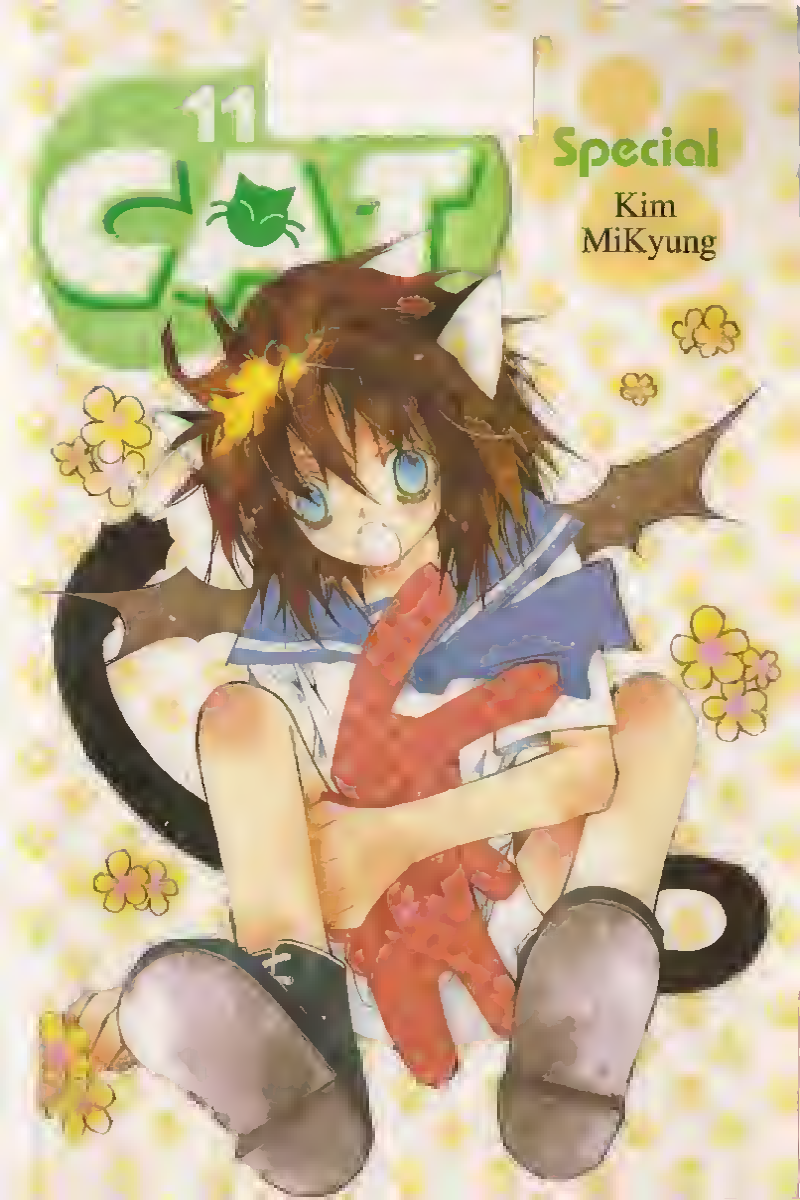
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Congratulations!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, BOTH!
GET OUT!
...UMM, BUT I CAME TO GRANT YOUR WISH ON YOUR BIRTHDAY. ?

CAN IT BE ANYTHING?
YES, ANYTHING YOUR HEART DESIRES! WHATEVER YOU WANT, WHOEVER YOU WANT TO BECOME!
I WANT TO BE WITH HIM HAPPILY EVER AFTER
HOW ABOUT YOU?
DON'T PRETEND THERE'S NOTHING YOU DESIRE!
Grin
SEND HIM AWAY, FAR, FAR AWAY.

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THIS IS AN ADDENDUM TO MY FIRST SERIES, *THE ELEVENTH CAT*. I'M HAPPY TO SEE IT IN PRINT. IT'S THE FIRST STORY OF THIS TYPE I'VE EVER DONE...AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THERE'S ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

AUGUST 1999
I DREW THIS FOR AN ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF SOME MAGAZINE OR OTHER. IT WAS DONE IN COLOR, OBVIOUSLY. IT MIGHT SEEM ODD THAT I'M INCLUDING SUCH AN OLD PIECE, BUT I REALLY LIKED THE COLORS!

JANUARY 2001
THERE ARE TWO STORIES THAT FEATURE EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEINGS IN THIS BOOK. I WANTED THIS ONE TO BE AN ORDINARY LOVE STORY THAT TAKES PLACE IN AN AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMY. PERSONALLY, I LIKE THE LEADING MAN... I GUESS I HAVE A THING FOR REBELLIOUS TYPES!

NOVEMBER 1999
I HAD A LOT OF FUN WHILE WORKING ON THIS. IT WASN'T STRESSFUL AT ALL. IT'S ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A DIM-WITTED ALIEN AND MY POOR MAIN CHARACTER.

APRIL 1998
I VIVIDLY REMEMBER MY LIFE FROM WHEN I WAS WORKING ON THIS STORY. I HAD A HARD TIME INKING BECAUSE IT WAS VERY HOT, EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T SUMMER.

DECEMBER 1997
I DEBUTED WITH THIS COMIC IN 1997. I WAS SO HAPPY WHILE I WAS WORKING ON THIS. I THINK THIS IS WHEN I STARTED MAKING EVERY MAIN CHARACTER IN MY COMICS A LITTLE BIT STUPID

AUGUST 2000
I'M QUITE SURE I COMPLETED THIS COMIC REALLY QUICKLY (BY MY STANDARDS). THE IDEA CAME FROM A CHARACTER FROM ANOTHER COMIC THAT I NEVER FINISHED. (I THINK THAT OTHER COMIC IS SOMEWHERE IN MY HOUSE.)

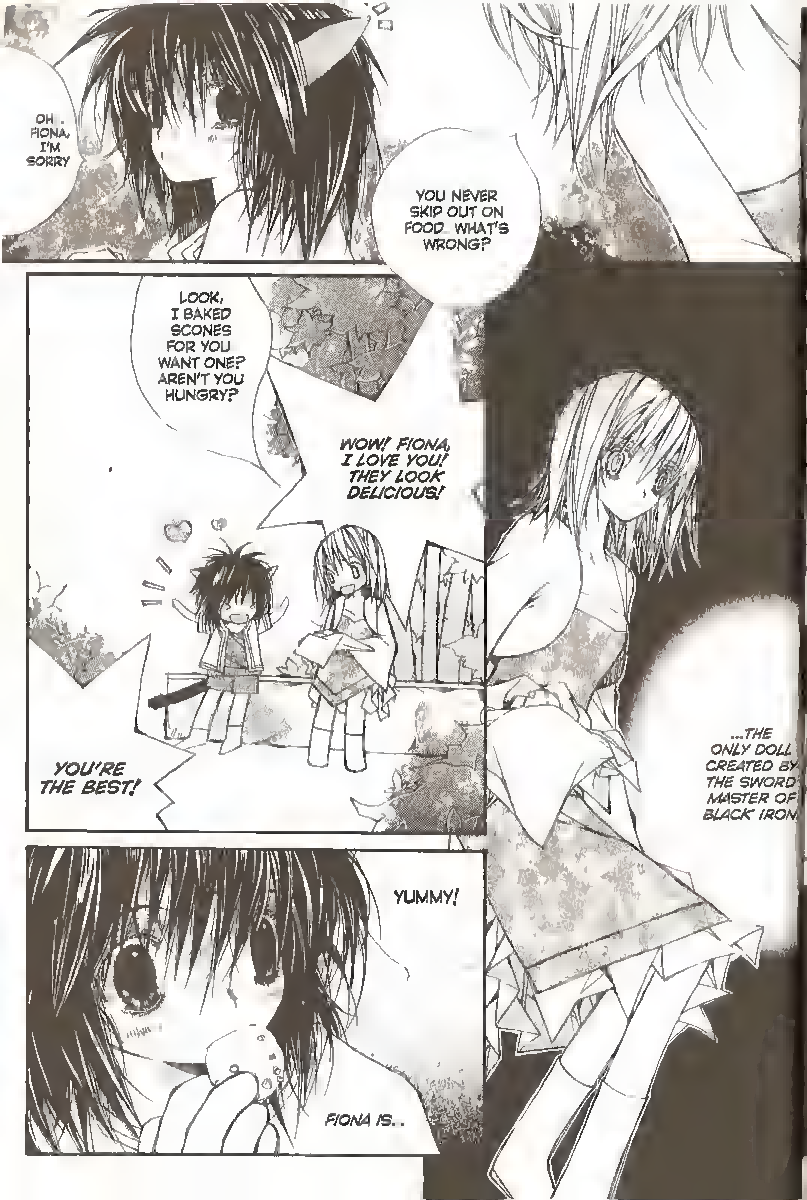
THE ELEVENTH CAT (EXTRA)

PIECES FROM NOMI'S PAST

CHARMING AND MISCHIEVOUS NOMI IS HARBORING A DARK SHADOW OF LONELINESS WITHIN HIM. WHAT SECRETS LIE IN HIS MEMORIES OF HIS PAST? WHAT IS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SWORD MASTER OF BLACK IRON?

IT REALLY WOULDN'T MATTER?
COME WITH ME, THEN. OR WOULD YOU RATHER BE SEALED IN AGAIN?
HMM..
IT'S NOT AS FUN TO PLAY TO WIN. I'D RATHER RELAX AND TAKE IT EASY, ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID NO FAVORS YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT BACK.
STOP BABBLING AND TAKE THIS... CHECK-MATE!
TAP
GROWL
FORGET IT! I TOLD YOU IT'S NO FUN!
LOSER'S DESPERATE TANTRUM

DARN IT! WHATEVER GAME I PLAY, I LOSE. IT SUCKS.
I DON'T REALLY NEED YOUR POWERS..
IS THERE ANYTHING HE'S NOT GOOD AT?
.....
THAT'S RIGHT...HE SAID THAT EVEN BACK THEN.
WHY DOES HE WANT ME, THEN, IF NOT FOR MY POWERS?
NOMI!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE!
I SEARCHED THE WHOLE FOREST FOR YOU. IT'S LUNCHTIME! COME ON.


OH.. FIONA, I'M SORRY
YOU NEVER SKIP OUT ON FOOD. WHAT'S WRONG?
LOOK, I BAKED SCONES FOR YOU. WANT ONE? AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
WOW! FIONA, I LOVE YOU! THEY LOOK DELICIOUS!
YOU'RE THE BEST!
YUMMY!
FIONA IS..
...THE ONLY DOLL CREATED BY THE SWORD-MASTER OF BLACK IRON.

SHE LOOKS LIKE A HUMAN BEING, BUT SHE CAN ONLY FEEL HAPPINESS.
MAKING A HUMAN DOLL IS FORBIDDEN. =O...
...THE WIZARD'S GUILD INSTRUCTED THE SWORD MASTER TO DESTROY FIONA OR FACE EXPULSION
YOU CAN'T TELL US YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU WEREN'T ALLOWED TO CREATE HUMAN DOLLS. DISPOSE OF THE ABOMINATION IMMEDIATELY AND PLEDGE TO NEVER CREATE ANOTHER LIKE IT

YOU'RE KICKING ME OUT? I CAN'T SAY THAT BOTHERS ME. I'M SICK OF YOUR WRINKLY FACES AS IT IS.
!!!
HOW COULD ANYONE...
I'VE BEEN LEARNING TO BAKE DIFFERENT TYPES OF COOKIES.
I'LL MAKE SOMETHING DIFFERENT IF YOU LIKE. OF COURSE, I CAN'T GUARANTEE IT'LL TASTE GOOD, BUT...
. WANT SOMETHING SO ADORABLE TO BE DESTROYED?
THE SWORD MASTER WOULDN'T KILL HER.
SHE'S HIS CREATION HE PROBA FEELS ATTACHED
OKAY.
JUST WHAT WON'T SASUKE BE GLAD TO FIND OUT YOU LIKE STRAW-BERRIES

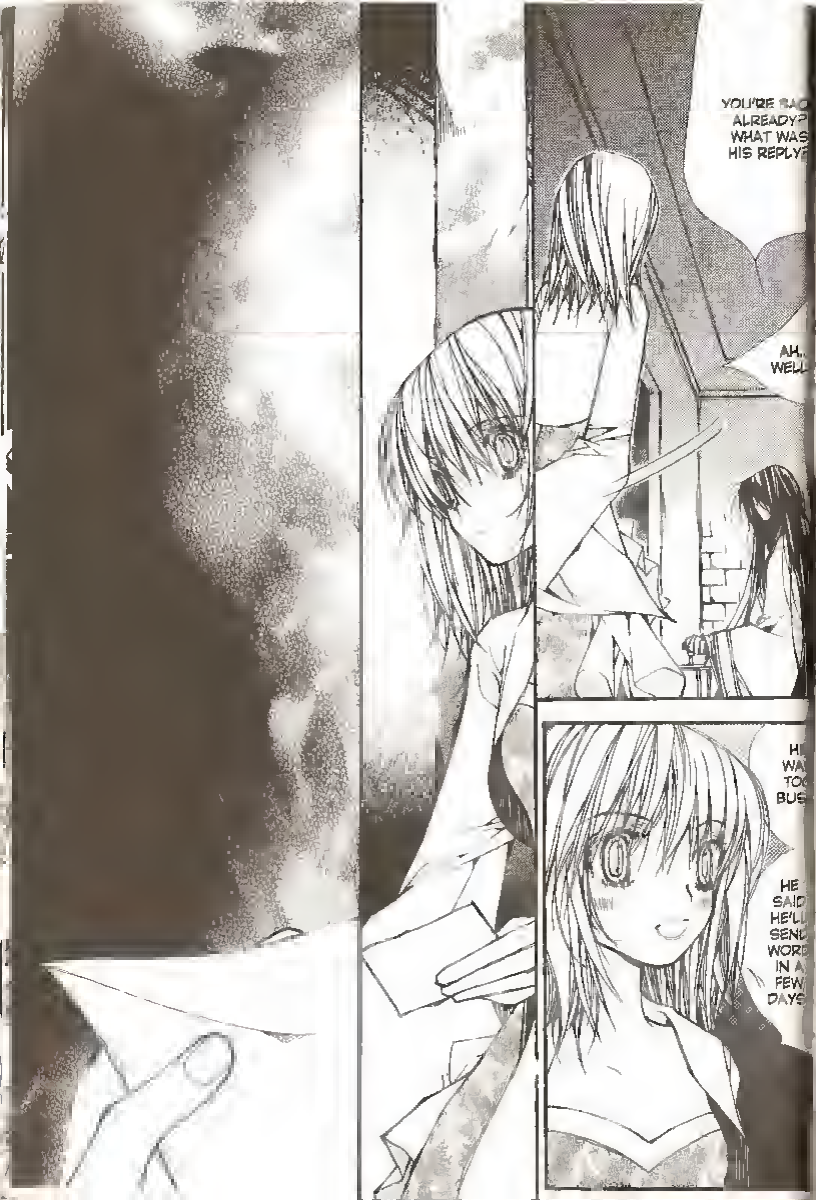
STRAWBERRIES! I LOVE STRAW-BERRIES!! I'LL EAT ANYTHING IF IT HAS STRAW-BERRIES. EVEN RICE!
I'M SALIVATING ALREADY.
STRAW-BERRY RICE SOUNDS TOO WEIRD
YOU'RE HERE, MY MASTER IS HERE THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS FOR ME TO DO
BY THE WAY, FIONA, DO YOU LIKE IT HERE? I MEAN, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO DO OR SEE?
I'M PERFECTLY SATISFIED. WHY DO YOU ASK?

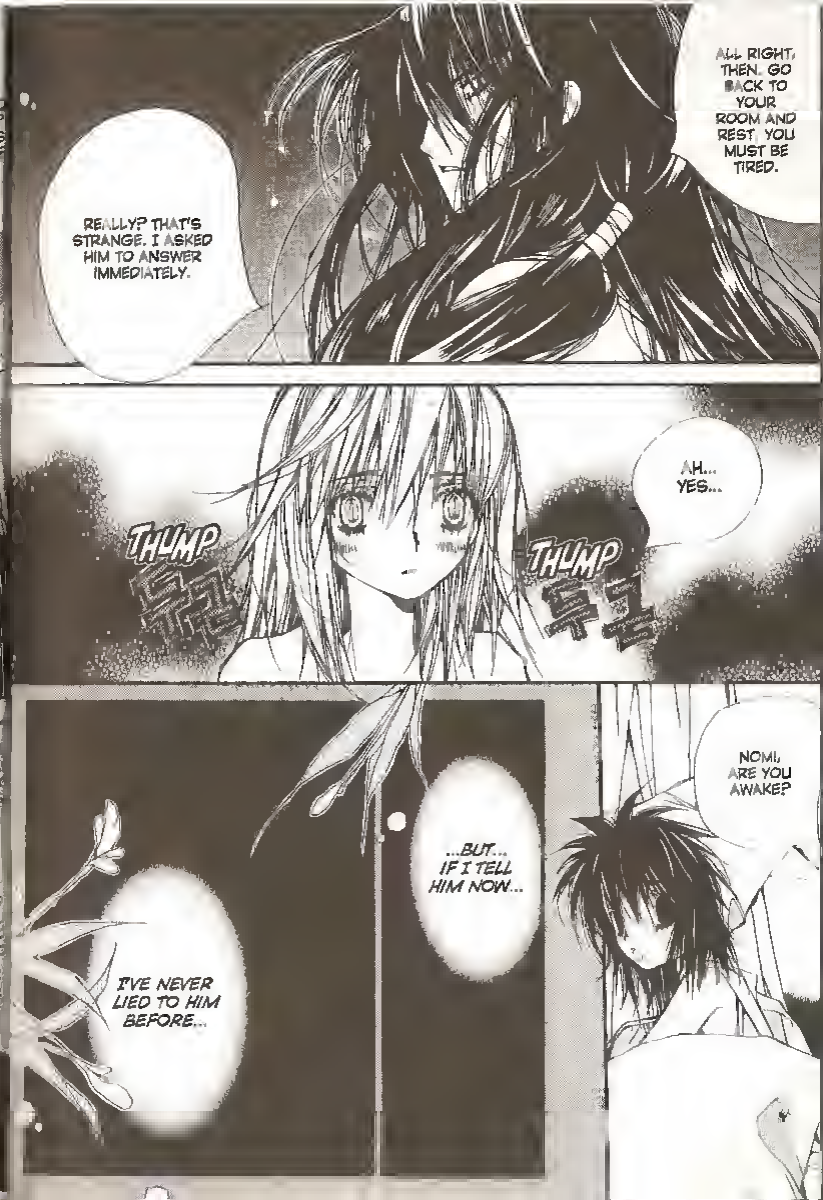
I'M GRATEFUL FOR EVERY DAY. I OWE MASTER SO MUCH FOR HAVING CREATED ME
I LOVE BLUE SKIES...
..THE GREEN EARTH AND CRISP FOREST AIR...
...THE SIGHTS, THE SMELLS--IT ALL MAKES ME HAPPY
EVEN IF MASTER DECIDED TO END MY EXISTENCE TOMORROW, I WOULDN'T HOLD IT AGAINST HIM.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! HE'D NEVER DO THAT!
I'M JUS SAYING GENERAL

IT'S GETTING LATE I SHOULD GO IF I WANT TO GET BACK IN TIME FOR DINNER
GO? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I HAVE AN ERRAND I NEED TO DELIVER A LETTER TO MASTER ARTHUR IT'S URGENT, APPARENTLY.
WILL YOU MAKE ME SOMETHING WITH STRAW-BERRIES TOMORROW?
I'VE CREATED A MONSTER I'LL HAVE TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT...
LIKE A HUMONGOUS CAKE WITH STRAWBERRIES AND FRESH CREAM!

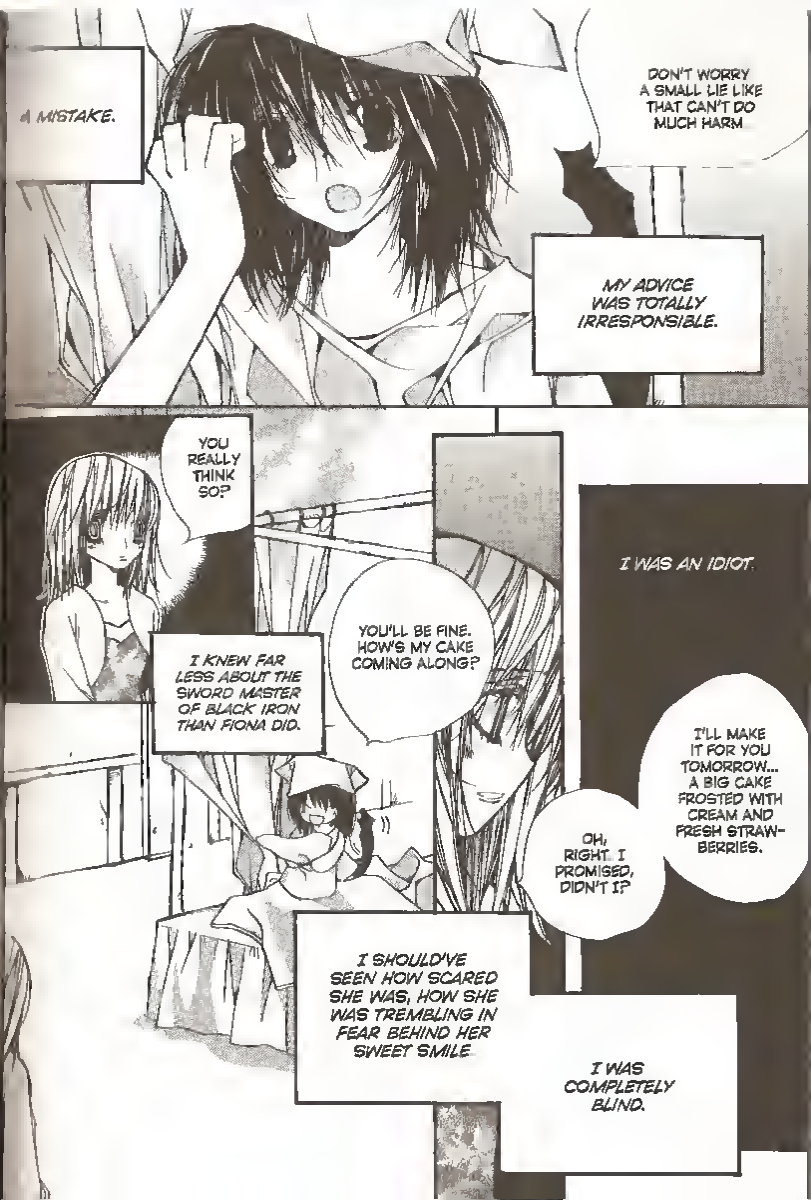
WHY DO YOU THINK SO HIGHLY OF THEM?! THEY JUST WANT TO USE US!

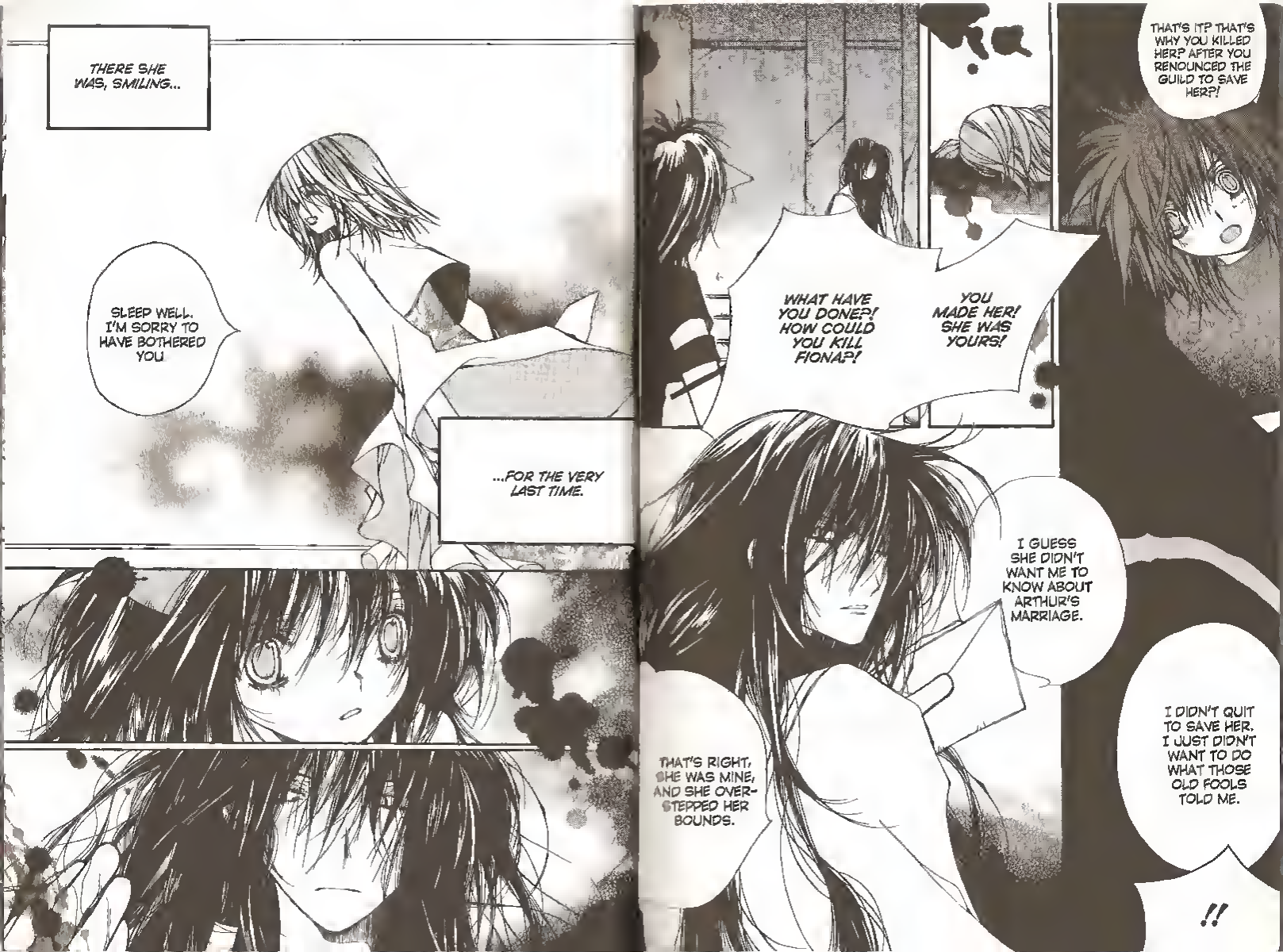
HUMANS DON'T APPRECIATE ANYTHING WE DO FOR THEM. WHY WOULD YOU DEFEND SUCH SELFISH BRATS?
I DON'T EXPECT GRATITUDE.
HUMAN SCUM CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES! WAIT FOR ME, NOMI!
WHEN I BUST THROUGH, I'M GOING TO COME BACK FOR YOU!
IDIOT! I CAN'T LIVE LIKE THIS!! I'M GOING TO BREAK THE SEAL AND BLOW THIS JOINT!
I'M GOING TO COME BACK FOR YOU!!!
I HEARD THAT HE ACTUALLY DID GET OUT, BUT...
...I NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN.
I WONDER WHERE HE IS AND WHAT HE'S DOING.
I KNOW HE WOULD NEVER BREAK HIS WORD...
THINKING OF SOMETHING ELSE (AUREN)
THAT STRAWBERRY CREAM CAKE SOUNDS WONDERFUL...
CAN'T STAY SERIOUS FOR LONG!


YOU'RE BACK ALREADY? WHAT WAS HIS REPLY?
AH, WELL...
HE WAS TOO BUSY...
HE SAID HE'LL SEND WORD IN A FEW DAYS.

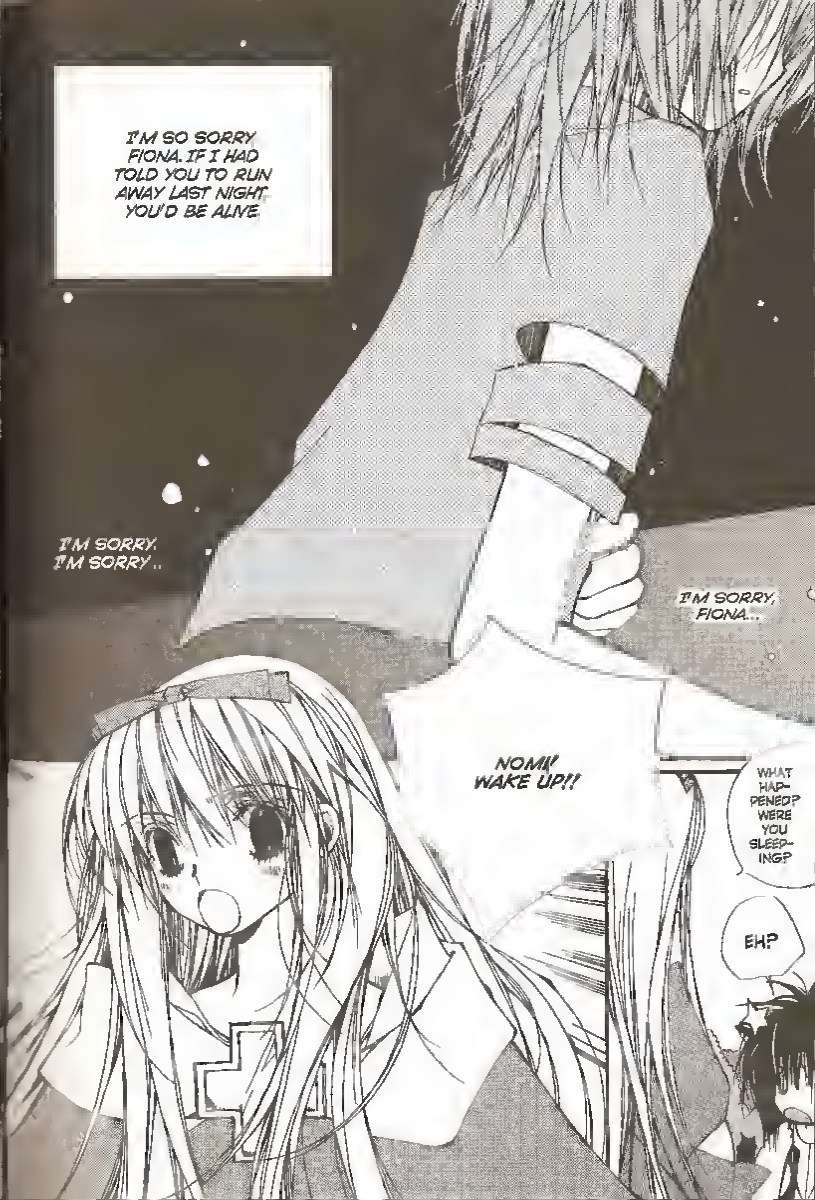

ALL RIGHT, THEN. GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM AND REST. YOU MUST BE TIRED.
REALLY? THAT'S STRANGE. I ASKED HIM TO ANSWER IMMEDIATELY.
AH... YES...
THUMP
THUMP
NOMI, ARE YOU AWAKE?
...BUT... IF I TELL HIM NOW...
I'VE NEVER LIED TO HIM BEFORE...

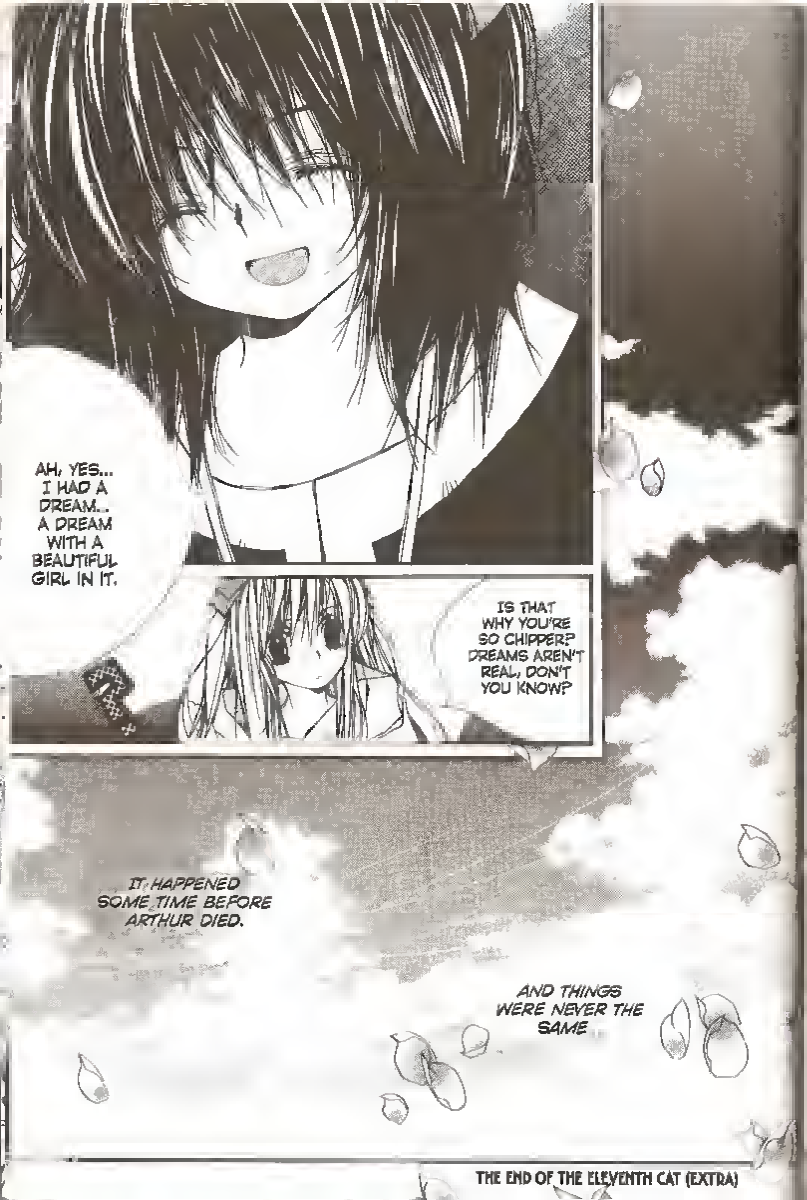
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D FALLEN ASLEEP ALREADY.
FIONA?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP AT THIS HOUR?
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I LIED TO MASTER.
I TOLD HIM MASTER ARTHUR DIDN'T REPLY.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? HE'LL FIND OUT IN A FEW DAYS..
I'M TERRIFIED, REALLY.
WHEN MASTER DISCOVERS ME, HE'LL HAVE TO PUNISH ME.


A MISTAKE.
DON'T WORRY A SMALL LIE LIKE THAT CAN'T DO MUCH HARM.
MY ADVICE WAS TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE.
YOU REALLY THINK SO?
I KNEW FAR LESS ABOUT THE SWORD MASTER OF BLACK IRON THAN FIONA DID.
YOU'LL BE FINE. HOW'S MY CAKE COMING ALONG?
I WAS AN IDIOT.
I'LL MAKE IT FOR YOU TOMORROW... A BIG CAKE FROSTED WITH CREAM AND FRESH STRAWBERRIES.
OH, RIGHT. I PROMISED, DIDN'T I?
I SHOULD'VE SEEN HOW SCARED SHE WAS, HOW SHE WAS TREMBLING IN FEAR BEHIND HER SWEET SMILE.
I WAS COMPLETELY BLIND.


THERE SHE WAS, SMILING...
SLEEP WELL. I'M SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU
...FOR THE VERY LAST TIME.
THAT'S IT? THAT'S WHY YOU KILLED HER? AFTER YOU RENOUNCED THE GUILD TO SAVE HER?!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?! HOW COULD YOU KILL FIONA?!
YOU MADE HER! SHE WAS YOURS!
I GUESS SHE DIDN'T WANT ME TO KNOW ABOUT ARTHUR'S MARRIAGE.
I DIDN'T QUIT TO SAVE HER. I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO DO WHAT THOSE OLD FOOLS TOLD ME.
THAT'S RIGHT, SHE WAS MINE, AND SHE OVER-STEPPED HER BOUNDS.
!!

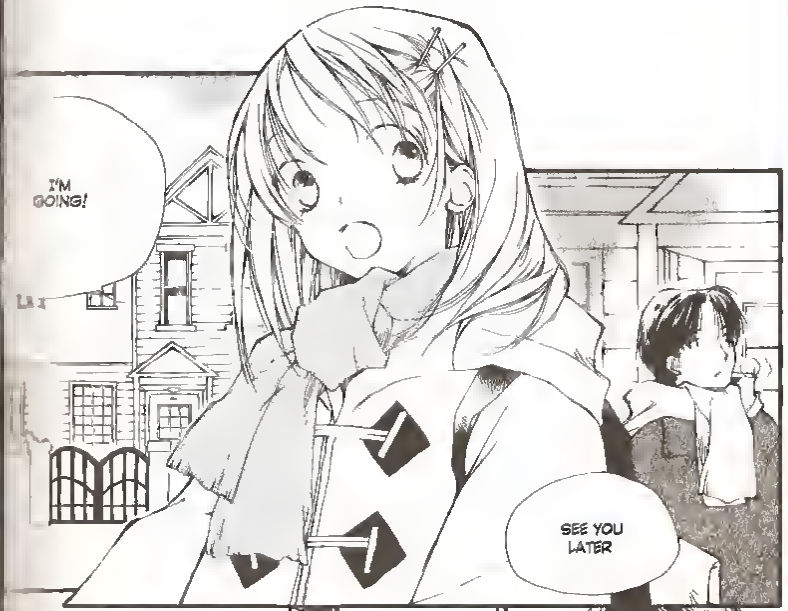
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME BURYING HER. HER BODY WILL DISAPPEAR OF ITS OWN ACCORD
DEAD... I DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO SAY GOOD-BYE
SHE WAS ALWAYS SMILING. SHE WAS NEVER SAD
FIONA!!

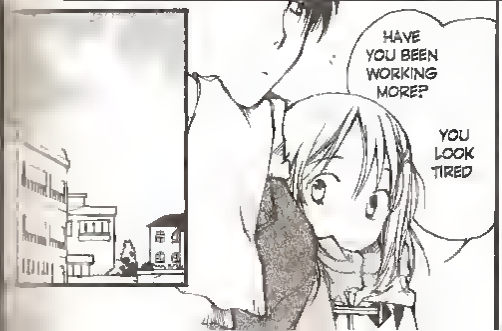

I'M SO SORRY, FIONA. IF I HAD TOLD YOU TO RUN AWAY LAST NIGHT, YOU'D BE ALIVE.
I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY..
I'M SORRY, FIONA...
NOMI! WAKE UP!!
WHAT HAPPENED? WERE YOU SLEEPING?
EH?


AH, YES... I HAD A DREAM... A DREAM WITH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN IT.
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE SO CHIPPER? DREAMS AREN'T REAL, DON'T YOU KNOW?
IT HAPPENED SOME TIME BEFORE ARTHUR DIED.
AND THINGS WERE NEVER THE SAME.

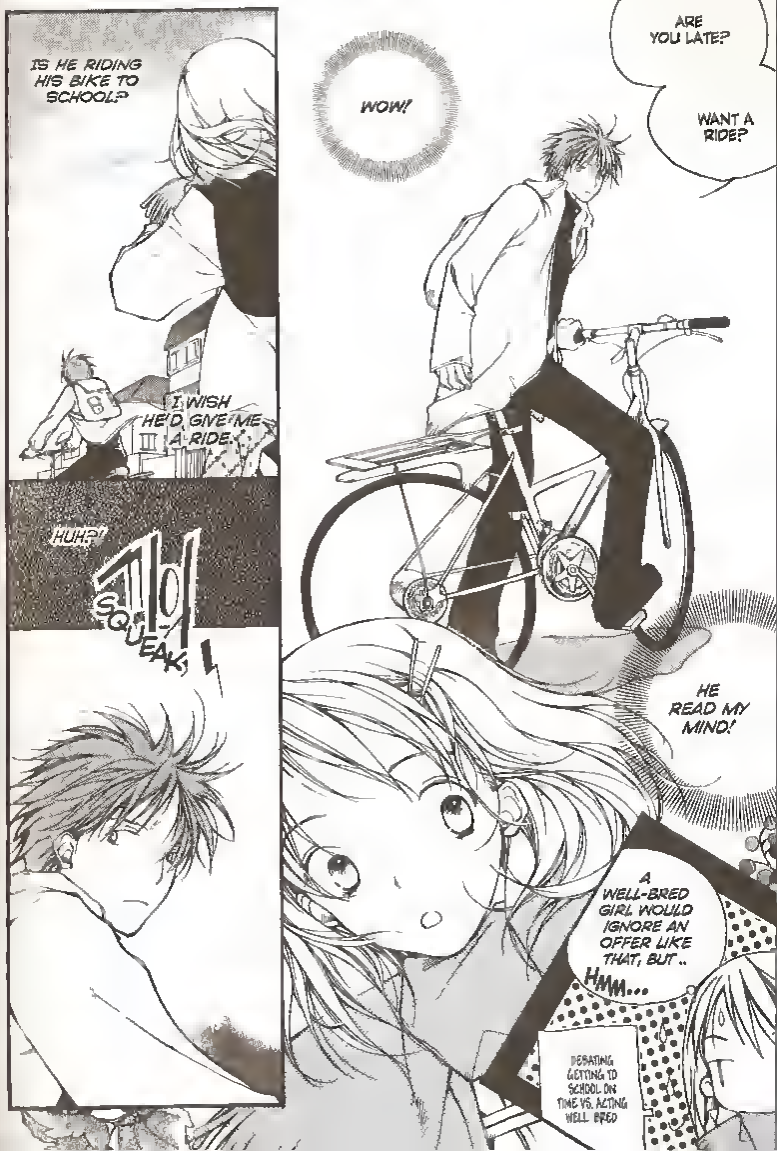
AN ALIEN LIVING ON EARTH

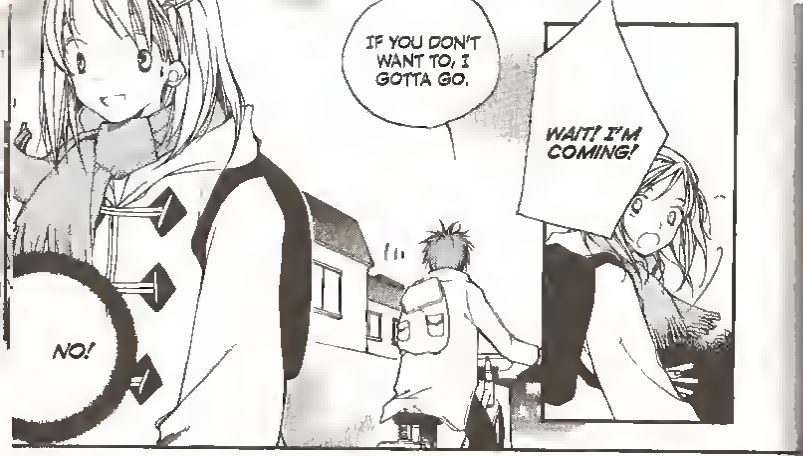
THE ALIEN HOUSE

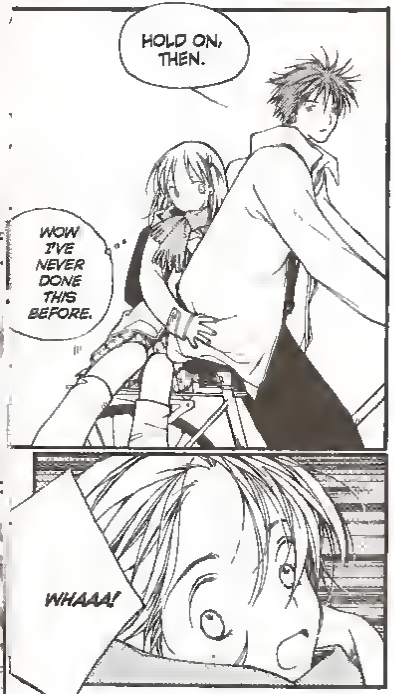


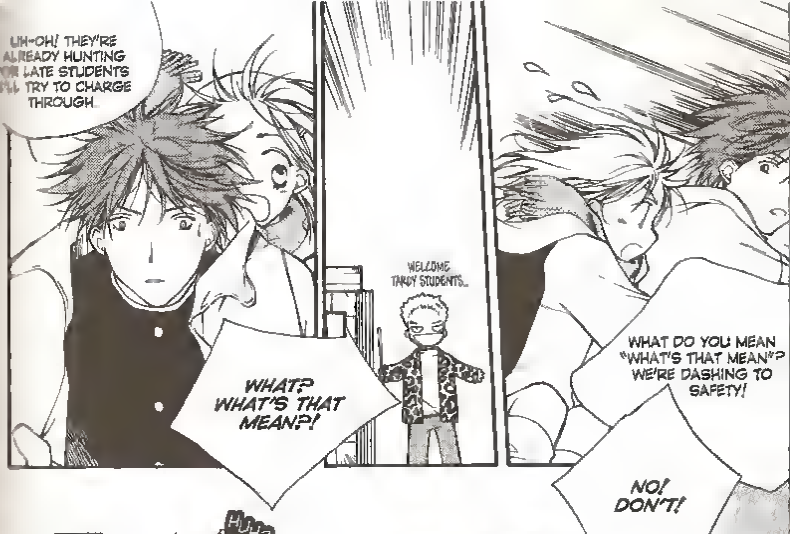


WHO MIGHT THAT BE?
.....
HMM... THE ONE THAT'S SLACKING AT HOME RIGHT NOW, OF COURSE.
YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THAT STUFF. IT'LL ALWAYS GET YOU IN TROUBLE.
.....
NO TIME TO STAND AROUND FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF. YOU'LL BE LATE.
PLUS, NOW YOU HAVE TO RENT PORN FOR HIM.
REALLY? I'LL BE SURE TO TELL HER.
GRAB SOME VIDEOS ON THE WAY HOME. SOMETHING EROTIC, PLEASE.
I SAID THAT TO HIM...
...KNOWING ALL ALONG THAT, I WAS THE ONE IN TROUBLE. I MISSED THE BUS TO SCHOOL!

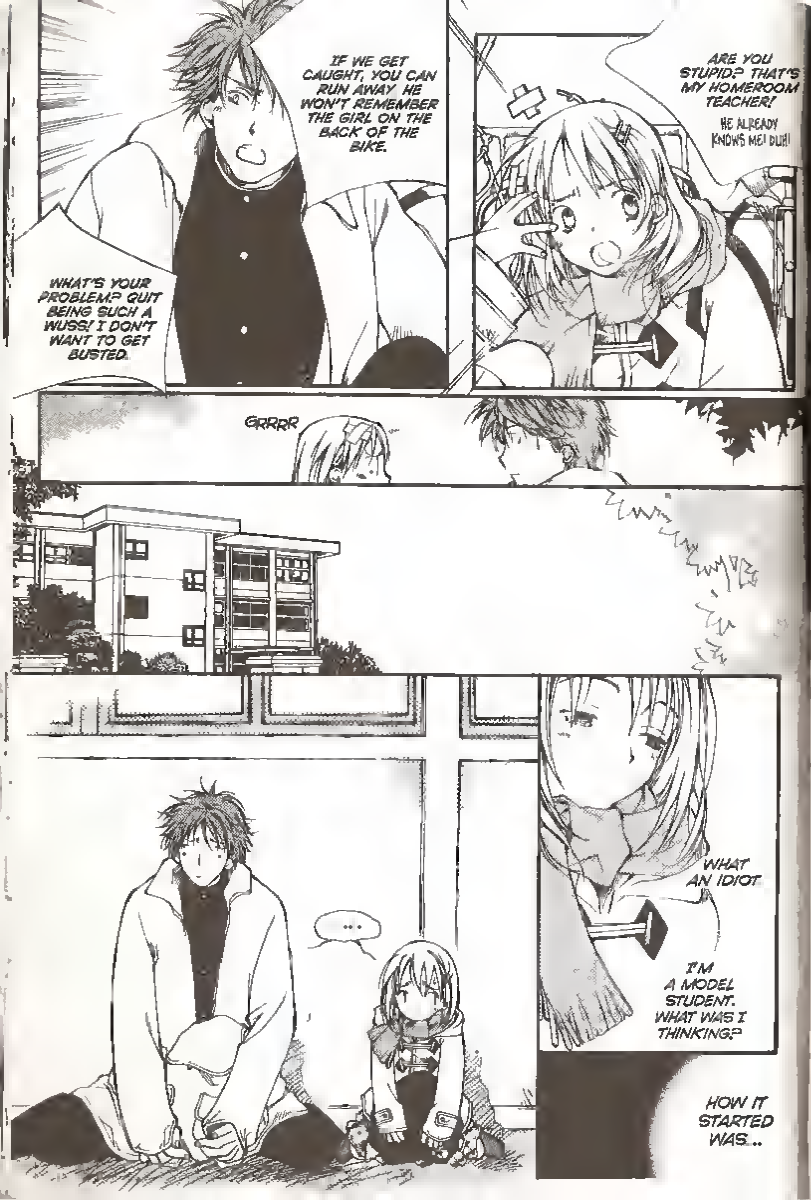

IS HE RIDING HIS BIKE TO SCHOOL?
I WISH HE'D GIVE ME A RIDE.
HUH?!
SQUEAK
WOW!
ARE YOU LATE?
WANT A RIDE?
HE READ MY MIND!
A WELL-BRED GIRL WOULD IGNORE AN OFFER LIKE THAT, BUT..
HMM...
DEBATING GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME VS. ACTING WELL BRED

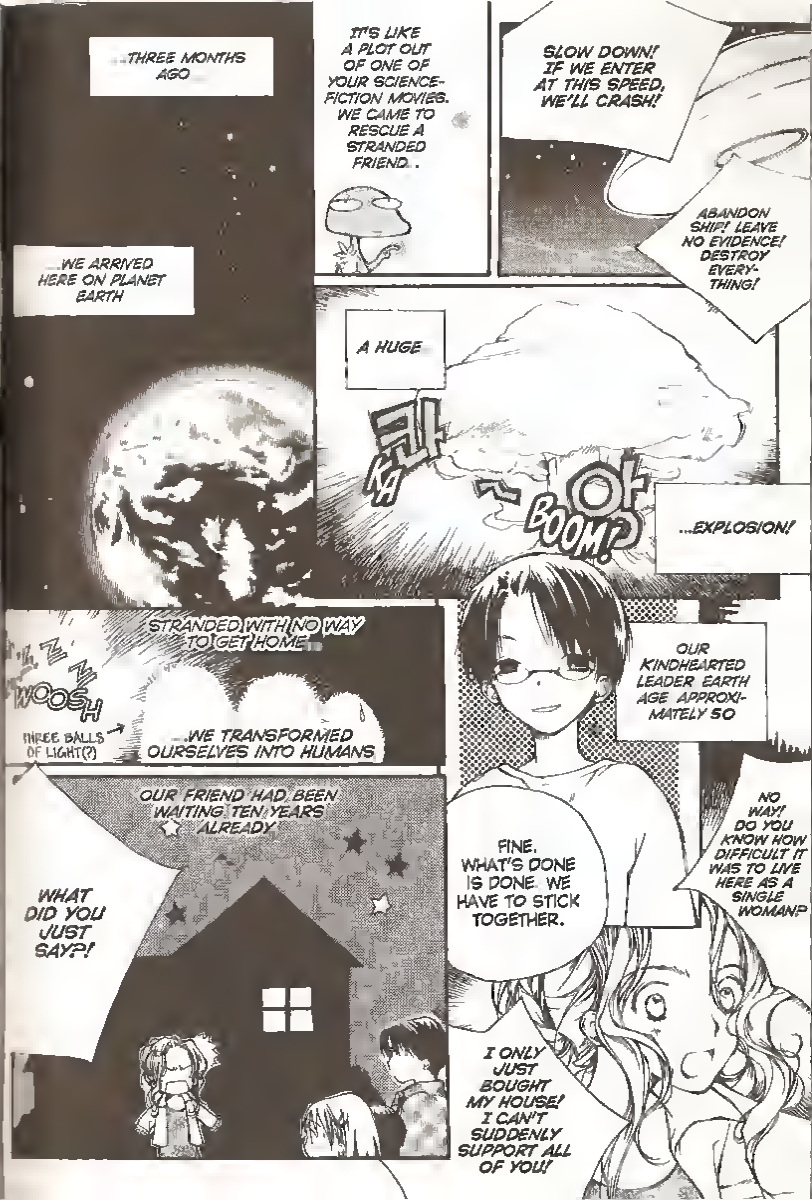

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, I GOTTA GO.
WAIT! I'M COMING!
NO!


HOLD ON, THEN.
WOW I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE.
WHAAA!

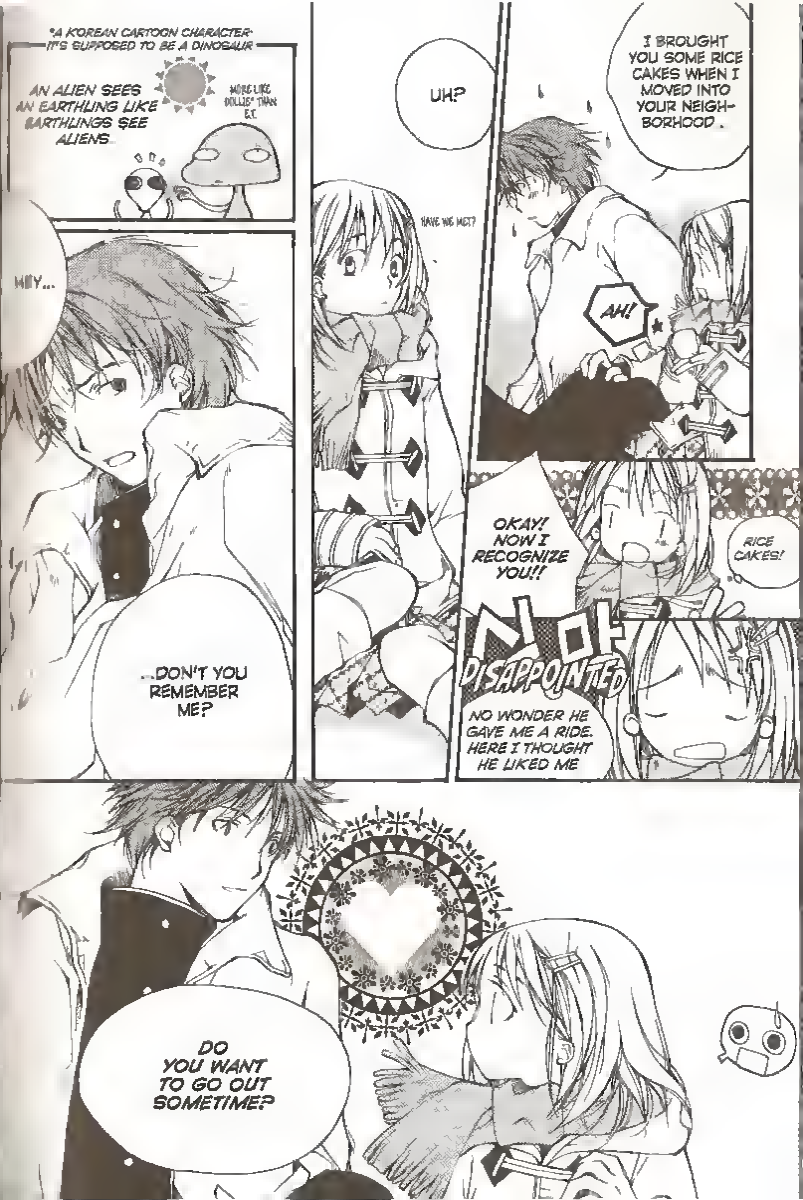

UH-OH! THEY'RE ALREADY HUNTING FOR LATE STUDENTS I'LL TRY TO CHARGE THROUGH.
WELCOME, TARDY STUDENTS...
WHAT? WHAT'S THAT MEAN?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHAT'S THAT MEAN"? WE'RE DASHING TO SAFETY!
NO! DON'T!
HUH?
SWOOSH

BOYS! WHERE DID HIS BAG GO?
DON'T DO IT! WAIT!
STOP!
BAM!
OUCH!


IF WE GET CAUGHT, YOU CAN RUN AWAY. HE WON'T REMEMBER THE GIRL ON THE BACK OF THE BIKE.
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? QUIT BEING SUCH A WUSS! I DON'T WANT TO GET BUSTED.
ARE YOU STUPID? THAT'S MY HOMEROOM TEACHER!
HE ALREADY KNOWS ME! DUH!
GRRRR
WHAT AN IDIOT.
I'M A MODEL STUDENT. WHAT WAS I THINKING?
HOW IT STARTED WAS..


...THREE MONTHS AGO...
...WE ARRIVED HERE ON PLANET EARTH
IT'S LIKE A PLOT OUT OF ONE OF YOUR SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIES. WE CAME TO RESCUE A STRANDED FRIEND..
SLOW DOWN! IF WE ENTER AT THIS SPEED, WE'LL CRASH!
ABANDON SHIP! LEAVE NO EVIDENCE! DESTROY EVERY-THING!
A HUGE
KA
BOOM!?
...EXPLOSION!
STRANDED WITH NO WAY TO GET HOME...
WOOSH
THREE BALLS OF LIGHT(?)
...WE TRANSFORMED OURSELVES INTO HUMANS
OUR FRIEND HAD BEEN WAITING TEN YEARS ALREADY
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
OUR KINDHEARTED LEADER EARTH AGE APPROXI-MATELY 50
NO WAY! DO YOU KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS TO LIVE HERE AS A SINGLE WOMAN?
FINE. WHAT'S DONE IS DONE. WE HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER.
I ONLY JUST BOUGHT MY HOUSE! I CAN'T SUDDENLY SUPPORT ALL OF YOU!

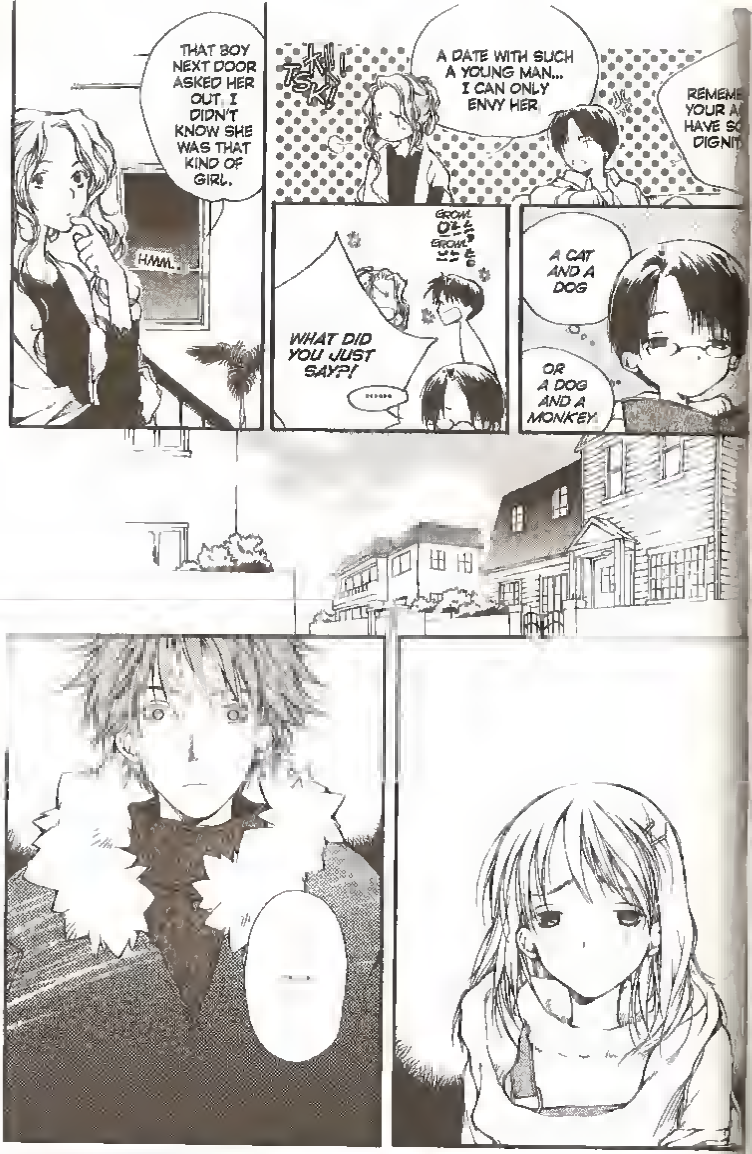
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT SPONGING OFF OF ME
DON'T WORRY. WE HAVE A BACKUP PLAN. WE TRAINED YOU FOR JUST SUCH AN EVENTUALITY, SO YOU CAN BLEND IN HERE QUITE EASILY.
YOU MEAN I HAVE TO GET A JOB?!
HERE I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY GET OFF THIS ROCK. I EVEN BOUGHT PRESENTS FOR MY FAMILY. >SOB<
BEING THE YOUNGEST, I WAS CHOSEN TO ATTEND SCHOOL AND COLLECT DATA ON EARTHLINGS.
SOB
THIS CAN'T BE CLASSIFIED AS "DATA COLLECTION"
SORRY...
...!
EH? HE MUST THINK I'M CRYING BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED
HA! THAT'S CUTE.
NOW THAT I LOOK AT HIM, HE'S THE KIND OF GUY EARTH GIRLS LIKE.
HE DOES NOTHING FOR ME, OF COURSE.

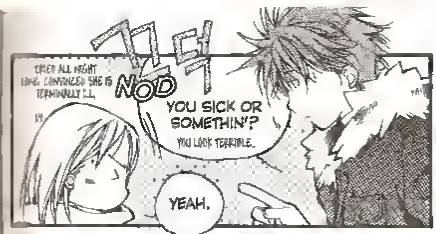

*A KOREAN CARTOON CHARACTER. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A DINOSAUR
AN ALIEN SEES AN EARTHLING LIKE EARTHLINGS SEE ALIENS...
MORE LIKE DOLLIES* THAN E.T.
HEY...
...DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?
UH?
HAVE WE MET?
I BROUGHT YOU SOME RICE CAKES WHEN I MOVED INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
AH!
OKAY! NOW I RECOGNIZE YOU!!
RICE CAKES!
NOT DISAPPOINTED
NO WONDER HE GAVE ME A RIDE. HERE I THOUGHT HE LIKED ME.
DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT SOMETIME?

I KNEW IT! HE DOES LIKE ME!
SHE'S HAPPY INSIDE
IF ONLY HE KNEW I WAS PART OF THE ULTRA-ELITE ON MY PLANET, AND HE'S TOO UGLY FOR ME
ULTRA-ELITE SHE MAY BE BUT A ZERO IN MANNERS
REALLY? DOES THAT MAKE YOU TWO A COUPLE?
IT'S INGENIOUS! IT'S THE BEST CHANCE FOR YOU TO LEARN ABOUT HUMAN INTERACTION, A SUBJECT YOU SORELY LACK IN.
IT'S MY DUTY TO DELIVER HER LUNCH
DON'T LET HIM G HE'S A GO MAN
FEEL FREE TO SHARE VIDEO PICKS, TOO.
I'M LEAVING
YOU KNOW MY BROTHER?
THUMP THUMP
WELL... NOT REALLY. I MET HIM ONCE AT THE VIDEO STORE. HE HIT ME UP FOR A MOVIE RECOMMENDATION.
NO, NOT THE PORN KING! HOW EMBAR-RASSING!
AND THINK I'M SORE LACK INSE RUM LEAL

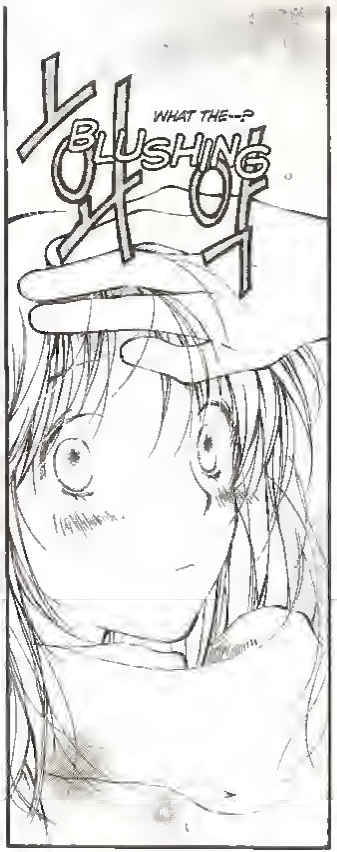
I'LL SHOW HIM I'LL BE THE BEST AT HUMAN INTERACTION THERE EVER WAS!
EH?
OKAY! LET'S DATE!
HE'S PRETTY GROSS TO LOOK AT, BUT I'VE GOTTA SUCK IT UP
I SAID, YES, I WILL GO OUT WITH YOU!
YOU TWO...
SWOOSH
SMACK
GETTING DETENTION FOR BEING LATE IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT THE TEACHER HEARD US HOOKING UP!
THUMP THUMP
...HAVE YOU NO SHAME? CHASING A LOVE CONNECTION WHILE YOU'RE IN DETENTION?!

THANK YOU FOR WALKING ME HOME.
EVEN THOUGH MY HOUSE IS ON THE WAY TO YOURS
ARE YOU AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND?
HER FIRST TIME (OF COURSE)
SO, THIS IS DATIN
SURE, PICK NIGH
AWESOME. I'LL COME PICK YOU UP TOMORROW.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
WHAAA--?!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ME...
I THINK I CAUGHT A VIRUS...AN INDIGENOUS DISEASE! I'M GOING TO PERISH ON A FOREIGN PLANET!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE HERE!
REMEMBER HER? SHE WAS THE FIRST STRANDED ALIEN
SHE'S LOCKED HERSELF IN HER ROOM AND REFUSES TO EAT


THAT BOY NEXT DOOR ASKED HER OUT. I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS THAT KIND OF GIRL.
HMM.
A DATE WITH SUCH A YOUNG MAN... I CAN ONLY ENVY HER.
REMEMB YOUR A HAVE SO DIGNIT
GROWL GROWL
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
A CAT AND A DOG
OR A DOG AND A MONKEY.

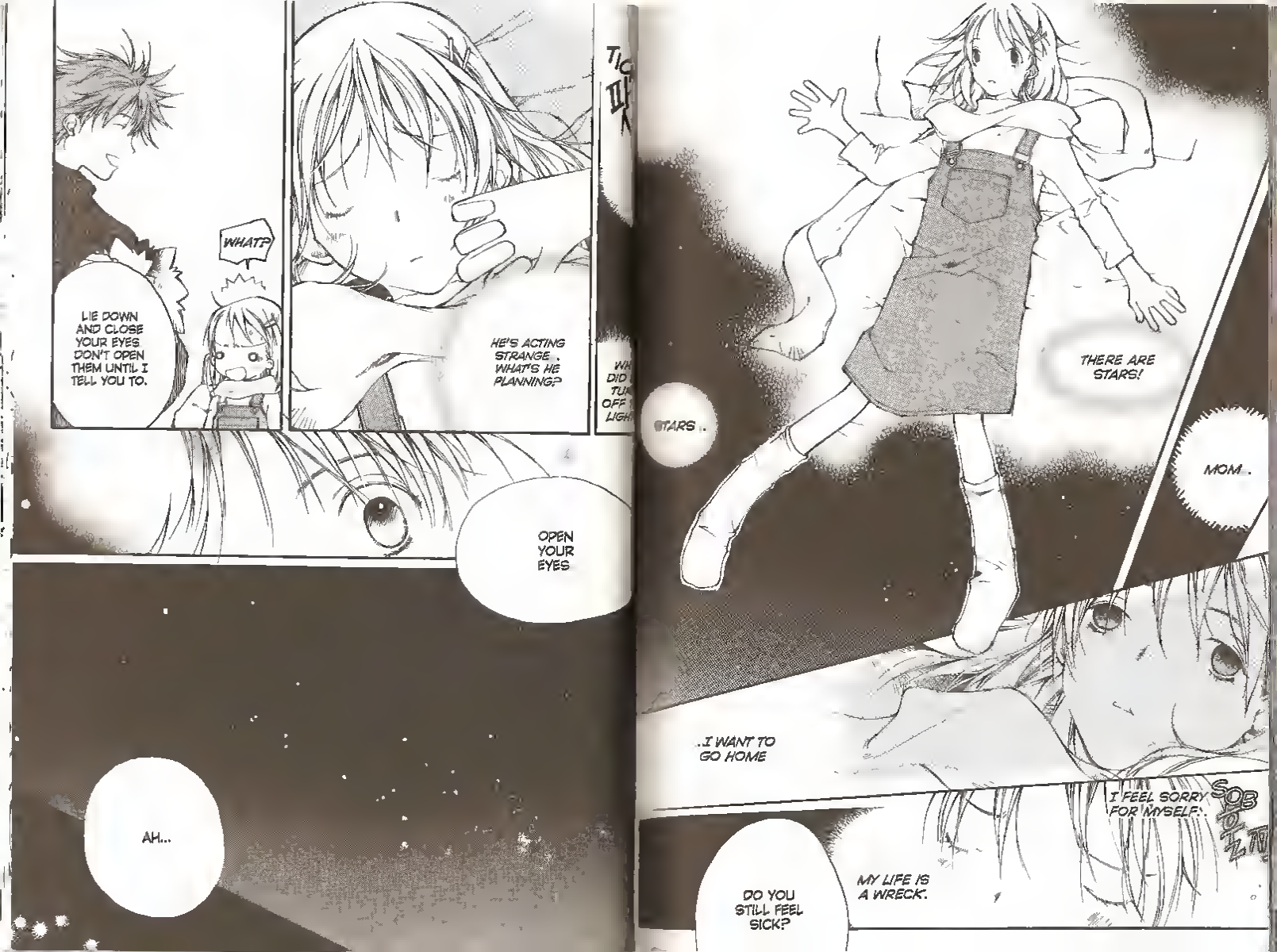

NOD
YOU SICK OR SOMETHIN'? YOU LOOK TERRIBLE.
YEAH.

IT STARTED THROBBING HERE, AROUND MY HEART, AND MY FACE FEELS HOT.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I THINK I'M GOING TO DIE!
MAYBE YOU HAVE A COLD.
I KNEW IT! A DISEASE!


WHAT THE--?
BLUSHING

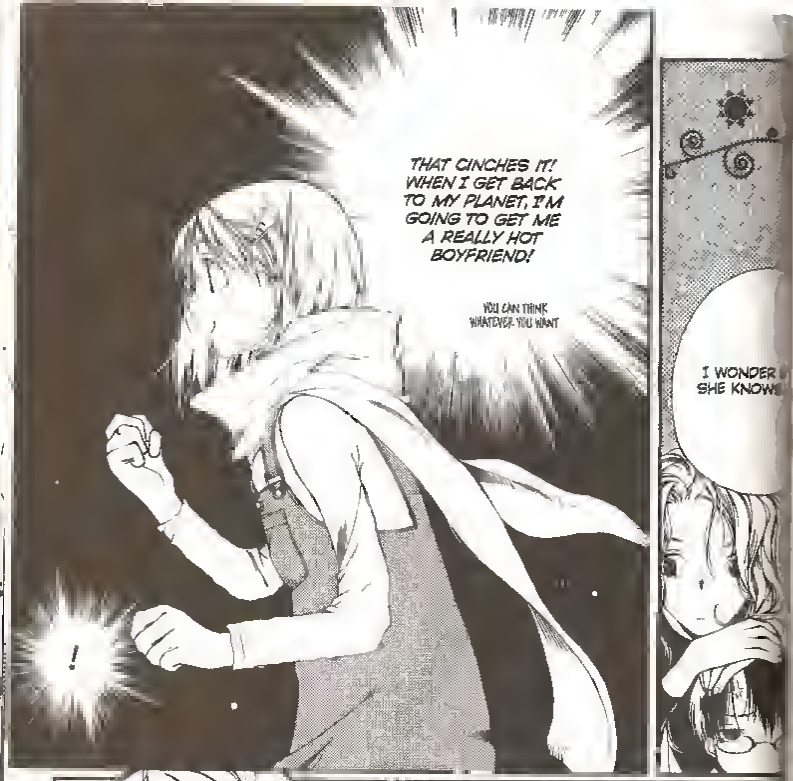
WELL, WHERE SHOULD WE GO?
I TOLD YOU I'M SICK. I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU!
EH?!
YOU'LL BE FINE. EXERCISE WILL DO YOU GOOD.
EXERCISE FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES? HOW BARBARIC!
WELL...
...IF WE REALLY ARE GOING...

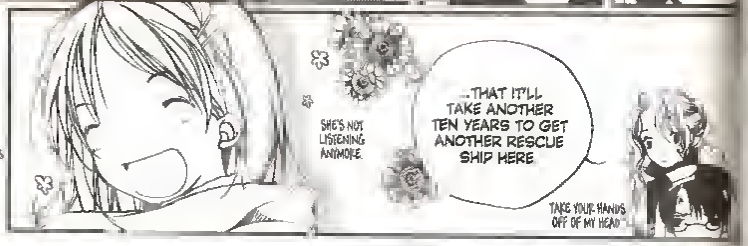
WHY DID HE BRING ME HERE?
THUMP
I TOLD HIM I WANTED STARS
...CAN WE GO SEE THE STARS?
LIE DOWN ON THAT BED.
WH-WHY-WHY SHOULD I DO THAT?!
WHAT?!
JUST TRUST ME. I'M GONNA SHOW YOU STARS.
WHAT'S THIS GUY UP TO?
DOING WHAT SHE'S TOLD


LIE DOWN AND CLOSE YOUR EYES DON'T OPEN THEM UNTIL I TELL YOU TO.
WHAT?
HE'S ACTING STRANGE. WHAT'S HE PLANNING?
OPEN YOUR EYES
AH...
DO YOU STILL FEEL SICK?
MY LIFE IS A WRECK.
I FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF..
SOB
..I WANT TO GO HOME
STARS..
THERE ARE STARS!
MOM..

NO, I'M FINE NOW
WHEN DID HE GET SO CLOSE?
SOMETIMES, I TURN THE LIGHTS OFF AND JUST STARE AT ALL OF THEM UP THERE.
THEY'RE NOT REAL STARS, BU THEY MAKE M FEEL LIKE I'
FLOATING I SPACE I'
LOVE TO ME LIFE-FORM FROM OTHE PLANETS. IT'S SUCH A BIG, WID UNIVERSE..
OTHER LIFE-FORMS..
I WONDER IF IT'S ACTUALLY GOOD FOR PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT PLANETS TO MEET..
HMM... MAYBE HE'S NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL..
OH..
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN
YOU...
..YOU LIKE ME, DON'T YOU?
WHAA--? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HOW COULD I LIKE A RAT LIKE YOU?!
YOU AND ALL THE CREEPS LIKE YOU!!
I HATE YOU!
YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE!

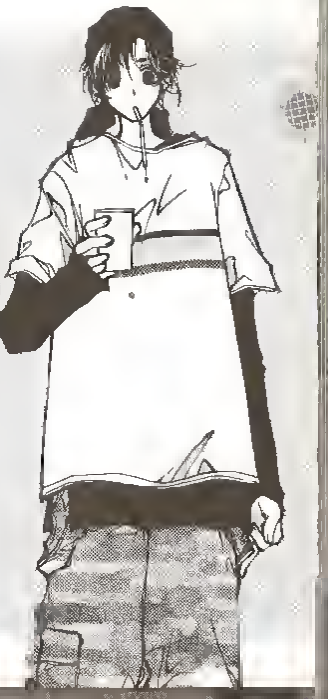
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME? AREN'T YOU PISSED?
WHY AREN'T YOU FREAKING OUT?
WHY SHOULD I BE? I KNOW YOU'RE JUST KIDDING YOURSELF.
WHO SAYS?!
BYE. IN ANY CASE, THANKS FOR SHOWING ME THE STARS. (CAN I CALL THEM THAT?)
AH... I WISH I WASN'T SO POLITE!"
COOL...
SEE YOU LATER.
EH..?
SEE YOU AT SCHOOL.
EWWWW! TELL ME YOU'RE LYING! THIS ISN'T LIKE ANY BOOKS I'VE READ ON THE SUBJECT.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? MY ILLNESS HAS GOTTEN WORSE...
THUMP THUMP
IT'S LOVE.
NEXT MISSION, SHE'S OFF THE TEAM.
FACE FACTS. IT'S LOVE! HE FELL IN LOVE WITH ME! I MAKE EARTH BOYS SWOON.
WRONG, IT'S THE OPPOSITE
I GUESS I'M TALENTED IN WAYS I DIDN'T EXPECT!
EXCEPT NOT AT ALL.

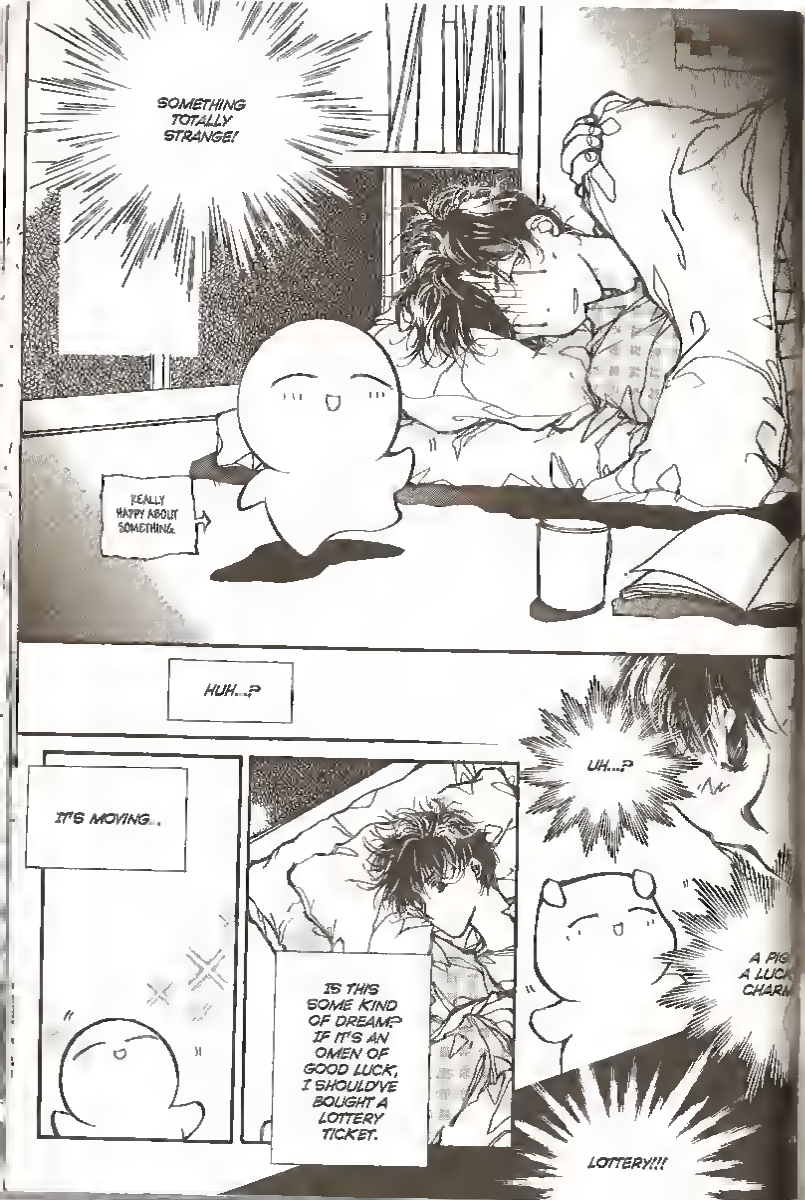

THAT CINCHES IT! WHEN I GET BACK TO MY PLANET, I'M GOING TO GET ME A REALLY HOT BOYFRIEND!
YOU CAN THINK WHATEVER YOU WANT
!
I WONDER IF SHE KNOWS


SHE'S NOT LISTENING ANYMORE.
...THAT IT'LL TAKE ANOTHER TEN YEARS TO GET ANOTHER RESCUE SHIP HERE
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF OF MY HEAD.

HIS REBELLION AGAINST THE EVERYDAY (IN TWO PARTS) #1

THE REASON WHY I'M POOR AND BURDENED

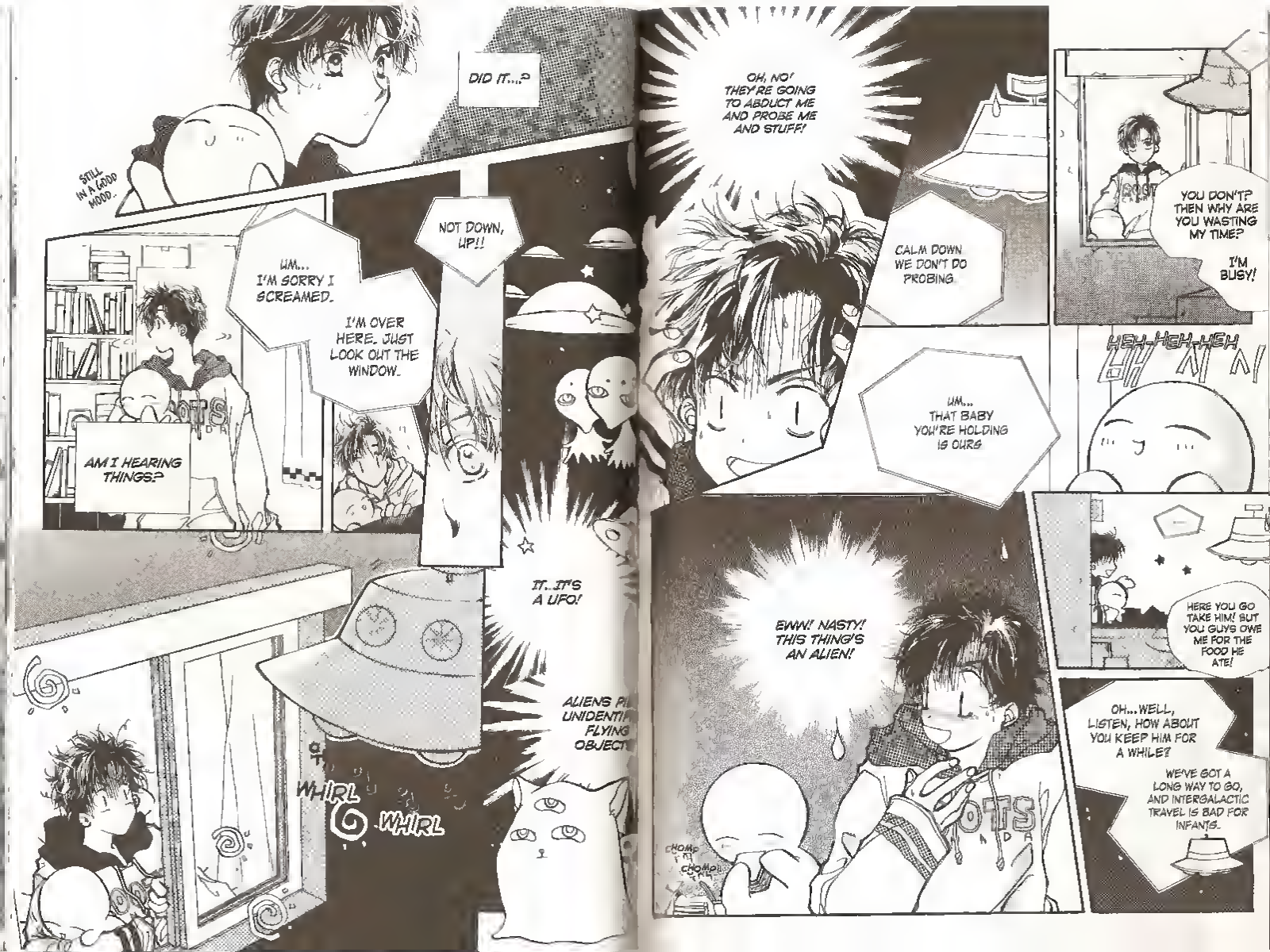



SOMETHING TOTALLY STRANGE!
REALLY HAPPY ABOUT SOMETHING.
HUH...?
IT'S MOVING...
IS THIS SOME KIND OF DREAM? IF IT'S AN OMEN OF GOOD LUCK, I SHOULDVE BOUGHT A LOTTERY TICKET.
UH...?
A PIG! A LUCK CHARM
LOTTERY!!!

CRAP! I MUST STILL BE DREAMING.
IT'S NOT EVEN A PIG.
SQUISH SQUISH
I...
...I CAN FEEL IT!
BEST
OF
LUCK
WHAT. .WHAT IS THIS BIZARRE CREATURE. .?
WAAAAAAAA!!

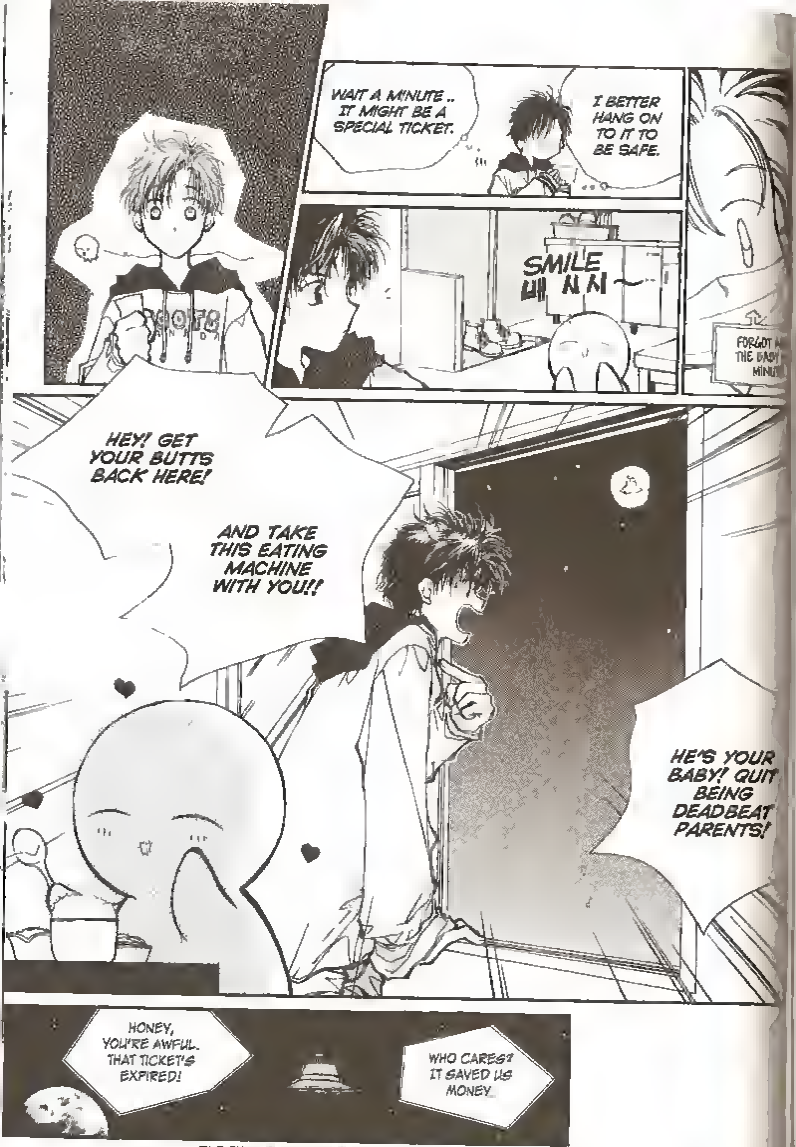
WHAT A NIGHTMARE..
ALL ABOUT SOME SQUISHY WHITE ANIMAL.
WAAAAAA!
IT WAS A DREAM
GULP
WOBBLE
HEE HEE
WH- WHAT IS THAT MONSTER?
BURP
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.
NOT ON EARTH, ANYWAY!
SMILE
SMILE
HEY! WHAT ARE Y U EATING? THAT'S MY FOOD, DAMMIT!
CHOMP
STOP IT! PUT THE FOOD DOWN!
CHOMP
REVIVAL FROM 11/1 ~ 11/16

IF I FEED THE CREATURE, I HAVE TO SPEND MONEY BETTER USED FEEDING ME.
IT'S ANNOYING WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT.
TRY THE MACKEREL, YOUNG MAN IT'S CHEAP TODAY.
I'M ALREADY TOTALLY BROKE. I DON'T NEED A MONSTER CHOWING DOWN ON MY STUFF!
SKIP TH LOTTER FEED YOUR SELF
SORRY I DON'T HAVE ANY CASH.
THE LOTTERY.
I DON'T WANT TO BE HUNGRY ANYMORE.
I WANT TO EAT WHAT I WANT AND LIVE IN A NICE HOUSE.
WOBBLE
A WINNING LOTTERY TICKET WOULD SOLVE MY MONEY TROUBLES
.....
SMILE
SMILE
IT'S STILL HERE.
WHY ARE YOU--?! I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE! I'M GOING TO CALL ANIMAL CONTROL! OR MAYBE FRY YOU UP AND EAT YOU!!!
NO!


DID IT...?
STILL IN A GOOD MOOD.
NOT DOWN, UP!!
UM... I'M SORRY I SCREAMED.
I'M OVER HERE. JUST LOOK OUT THE WINDOW.
AM I HEARING THINGS?
IT...IT'S A UFO!
ALIENS PL UNIDENTI FLYING OBJECT
WHIRL
WHIRL
OH, NO! THEY'RE GOING TO ABDUCT ME AND PROBE ME AND STUFF!
CALM DOWN WE DON'T DO PROBING.
UM... THAT BABY YOU'RE HOLDING IS OURS
YOU DON'T? THEN WHY ARE YOU WASTING MY TIME?
I'M BUSY!
HEH-HEH-HEH
EWW! NASTY! THIS THING'S AN ALIEN!
CHOMP CHOMP
HERE YOU GO TAKE HIM! BUT YOU GUYS OWE ME FOR THE FOOD HE ATE!
OH...WELL, LISTEN, HOW ABOUT YOU KEEP HIM FOR A WHILE?
WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO, AND INTERGALACTIC TRAVEL IS BAD FOR INFANTS.

DON'T LIE! YOU ABANDONED HIM 'COS HE EATS TOO MUCH!
HOW DARE YOU! THAT'S NOT THE REASON.
WE JUST WANT OUR BABY RAISED IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, THAT'S ALL.
...I'M SO POOR I CAN'T EVEN FEED MYSELF! I CAN'T HAVE A PORKER LIKE THIS HANGING AROUND!
WHAT?
YOU'RE A REALLY LOUSY LIAR.
LISTEN...
DO YOU WANT ME TO STARVE TO DEATH?!
I CAN BE RICH
AGREE TO KEEP HIM, AND WE'LL GRANT YOU A WISH.
A WISH?
GRITTER
YES. WE HAVE TO TRAVEL FOR A LONG TIME IN A SHIP TOO SMALL TO CARRY MANY PROVISIONS.
THAT BABY WAS TOTALLY UNPLANNED.
CAN WE PICK HIM UP ON THE WAY BACK?
FINE! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GET ME...

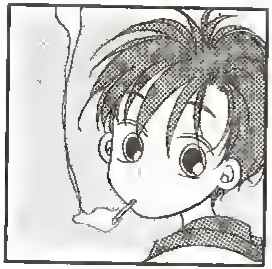
A LOTTERY...
...TICKET
LOTTERY TICKET
WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A LOTTERY TICKET.
WE'VE BEEN OBSERVING AND KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LIKE THEM.
POWER PUNCH!
PUNCH
THIS ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH! I WANT A WINNING TICKET! A WINNER!
ONE FOR A BIG CASH PRIZE!
SORRY. WE CAN GRANT YOU ONLY ONE WISH, AND YOU CAN'T TAKE BACK WHAT YOU SAID.
THAT'S THE DEAL. IF YOU DON'T HOLD UP YOUR END OF THE BARGAIN, YOUR LIFE WILL BE THE PAYMENT.
I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO BE SO CUNNING
DASH
OH
FAREWELL.


WAIT A MINUTE.. IT MIGHT BE A SPECIAL TICKET.
I BETTER HANG ON TO IT TO BE SAFE.
SMILE
HEY! GET YOUR BUTTS BACK HERE!
AND TAKE THIS EATING MACHINE WITH YOU!!
HE'S YOUR BABY! QUIT BEING DEADBEAT PARENTS!
HONEY, YOU'RE AWFUL.. THAT TICKET'S EXPIRED!
WHO CARES! IT SAVED US MONEY..

THE END OF THE REASON WHY I'M DOOR AND BURDENED

HIS REBELLION AGAINST THE EVERYDAY (IN TWO PARTS) #2

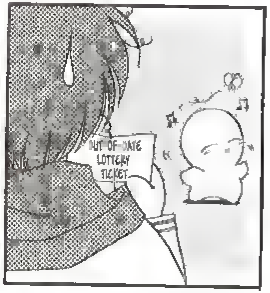
THE REASON WHY I'M POORER AND MORE BURDENED



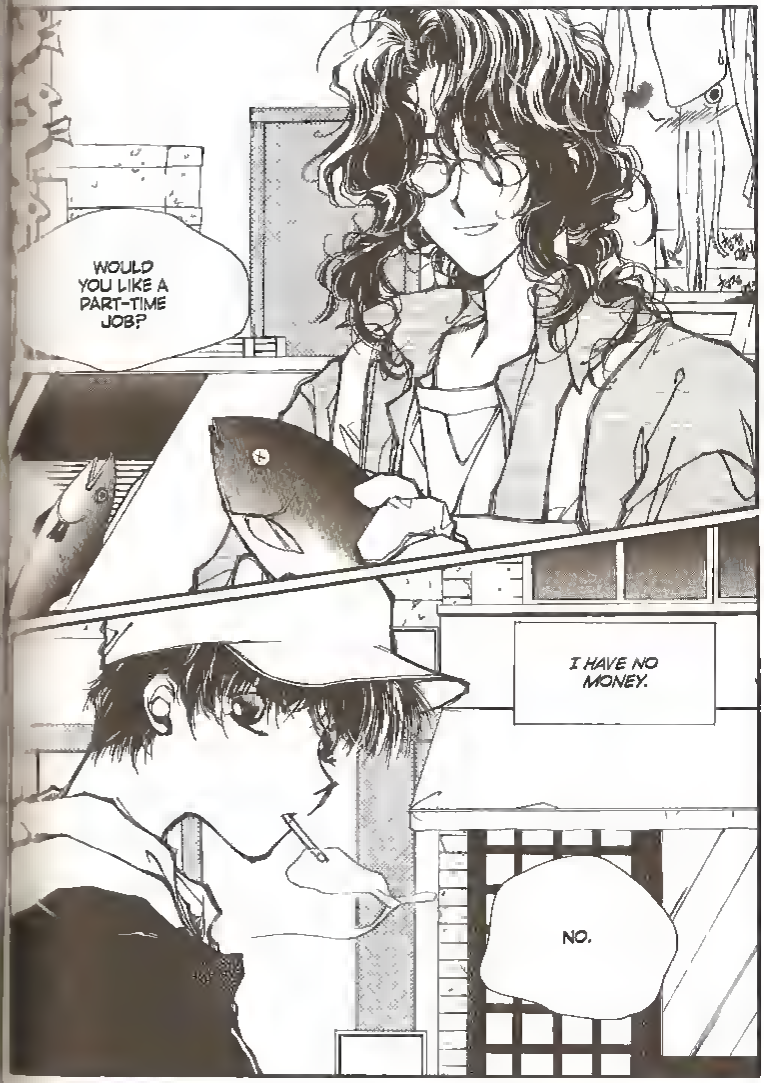
THERE ONCE WAS A POOR STUDENT WHO DREAMED ABOUT WINNING THE LOTTERY.

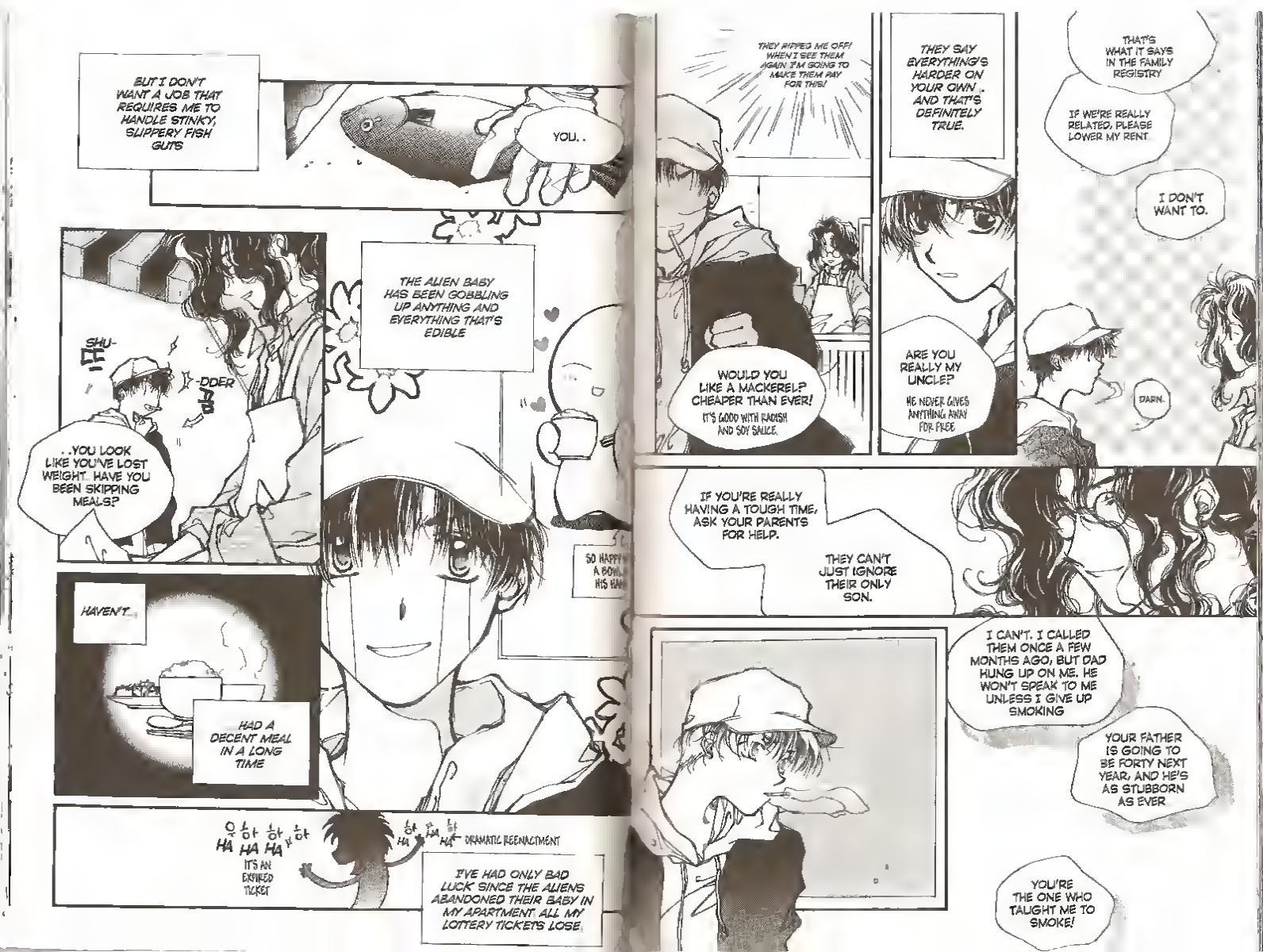
PERHAPS THE HEAVENS WERE MOVED BY HIS HARDSHIP, AS THEY GAVE HIM A CHANCE TO REALIZE HIS DREAMS.

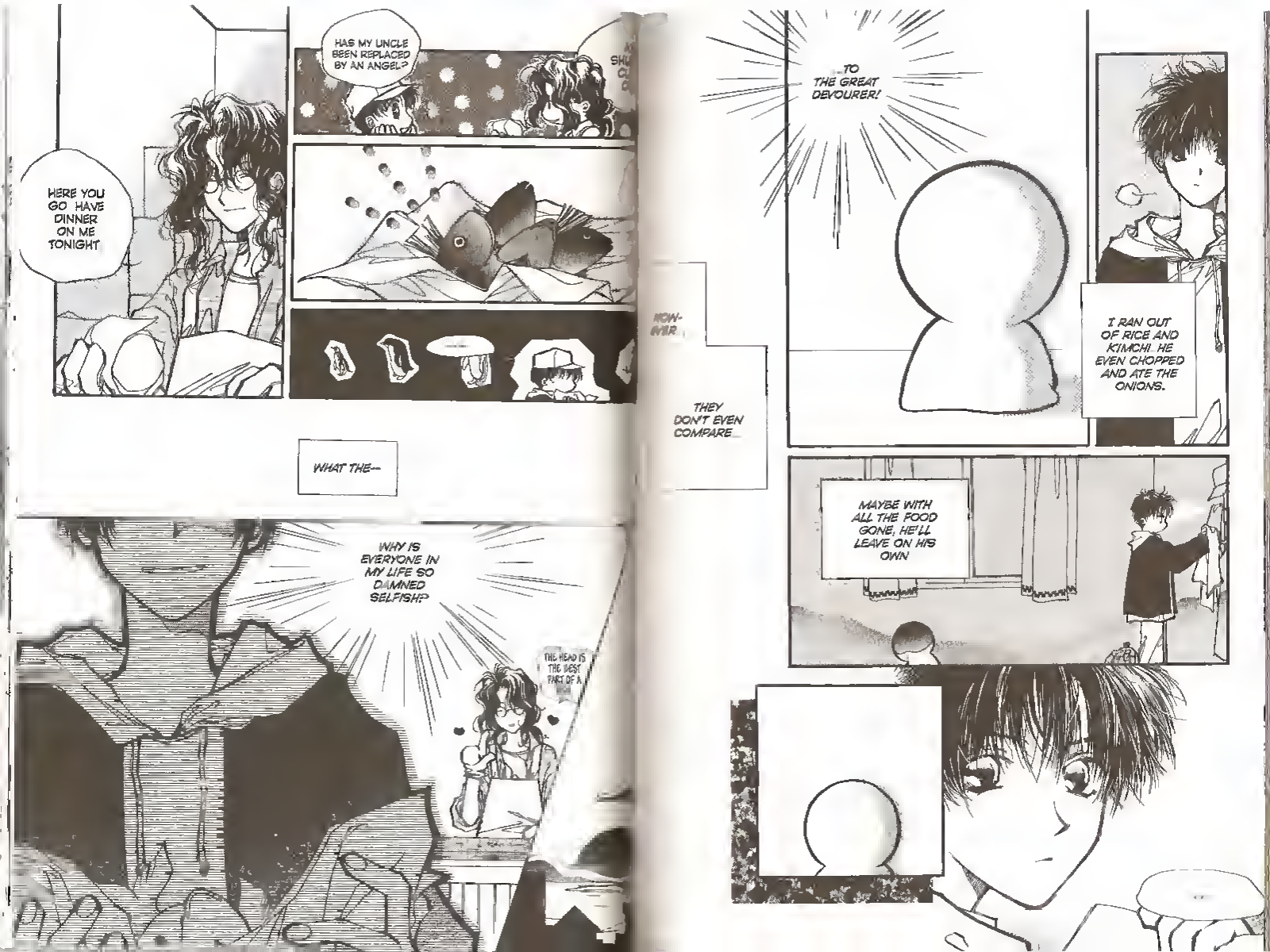
AT FIRST, IT LOOKED AS THOUGH THE ALIEN PARENTS WOULD GIVE HIM WHAT HE WANTED IN EXCHANGE FOR TAKING CARE OF THEIR BABY...



...ONLY HE GOT TRICKED INTO TAKING AN OUT-OF-DATE LOTTERY TICKET IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FOOD-LOVING BABY. THEN THE ALIENS FLEW AWAY.




BUT I DON'T WANT A JOB THAT REQUIRES ME TO HANDLE STINKY, SLIPPERY FISH GUTS
YOU..
THE ALIEN BABY HAS BEEN GOBBLING UP ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT'S EDIBLE
SHU-
DDER
..YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE LOST WEIGHT. HAVE YOU BEEN SKIPPING MEALS?
HAVEN'T...
HAD A DECENT MEAL IN A LONG TIME
SO HAPPY A BOWL HIS HAN
O HA HA HA HA IT'S AN EXPIRED TICKET
HA HA HA DRAMATIC REENACTMENT
I'VE HAD ONLY BAD LUCK SINCE THE ALIENS ABANDONED THEIR BABY IN MY APARTMENT. ALL MY LOTTERY TICKETS LOSE.
THEY RIPPED ME OFF! WHEN I SEE THEM AGAIN I'M GOING TO MAKE THEM PAY FOR THIS!
WOULD YOU LIKE A MACKEREL? CHEAPER THAN EVER!
IT'S GOOD WITH RADISH AND SOY SAUCE.
THEY SAY EVERYTHING'S HARDER ON YOUR OWN.. AND THAT'S DEFINITELY TRUE.
ARE YOU REALLY MY UNCLE?
HE NEVER GIVES ANYTHING AWAY FOR FREE.
THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS IN THE FAMILY REGISTRY
IF WE'RE REALLY RELATED, PLEASE LOWER MY RENT.
I DON'T WANT TO.
DARN.
IF YOU'RE REALLY HAVING A TOUGH TIME, ASK YOUR PARENTS FOR HELP.
THEY CAN'T JUST IGNORE THEIR ONLY SON.
I CAN'T. I CALLED THEM ONCE A FEW MONTHS AGO, BUT DAD HUNG UP ON ME. HE WON'T SPEAK TO ME UNLESS I GIVE UP SMOKING
YOUR FATHER IS GOING TO BE FORTY NEXT YEAR, AND HE'S AS STUBBORN AS EVER
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME TO SMOKE!


HERE YOU GO. HAVE DINNER ON ME TONIGHT.
HAS MY UNCLE BEEN REPLACED BY AN ANGEL?
WHAT THE--
WHY IS EVERYONE IN MY LIFE SO DAMNED SELFISH?
THE HEAD IS THE BEST PART OF A
...TO THE GREAT DEVOURER!
I RAN OUT OF RICE AND KIMCHI. HE EVEN CHOPPED AND ATE THE ONIONS.
MAYBE WITH ALL THE FOOD GONE, HE'LL LEAVE ON HIS OWN
THEY DON'T EVEN COMPARE...

I'M NOT GOING TO FEEL SORRY FOR HIM. ALL I'VE EATEN TODAY IS A BOWL OF NOODLES
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL...

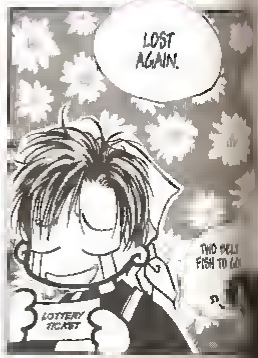
...UNEASY.
I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT I'LL GIVE HIM THE FISH HEADS.
KRRRRRR...
EH?
THAT NOISE...DID THAT COME OUT OF HIM?
KRRRRR....

KRRRRRR
IS TH
WHY I
FEELI
ANXIOU
AGH ..MY BAG..THE FISH HEADS ARE IN THE BAG.
SNIFF SNIFF
NO NO
GRAB
THUD
HUH!
WIPE
IT CAN'T BE..
...IT CAN'T..

NO...NO! I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET!
GO AWAY!!
SHHK
TING
CHOMP
CHOMP
LOOK AT HIM! HE EATS EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!
KRR
AH-HA! A CRISIS SITUATION!
JUST WHEN I'VE COME FOR A BARBECUE.
UNCLE!
KRR
RRR...
UNCLE, SAVE ME! PLEASE!
YOU'RE DESPERATE, AREN'T YOU?
CHOMP
CHOMP

SPLASH!!
U-UNCLE! DON'T K-KI HIM!
WHO SAID YOU COULD EAT? THAT'S JUST BAD MANNERS!
DON'T WORRY. THE LITTLE BUTTERBALL IS FINE.
EH?
SMILE
삐 시 시…
WHAT'S HE MADE OF?
……
HE'S REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.
BY THE WAY..

YOU'LL TAKE A PART-TIME JOB AT MY STORE, RIGHT?
SERIOUSLY?
YOU CALL YOURSELF MY UNCLE?
GEEZ! FINE I'LL DO IT.
COME, CHUBBO, TIME TO EAT YOUR DAD STOPPED BEING STUBBORN.
THIS MEAL WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR FIRST CHECK.
SAY WHAT? THAT'S EXTORTION! YOU'RE EATING TOO!



THE END OF THE REASON WHY I'M POORER AND MORE BURDENED

LIVING WITH A GHOST

AT THE LIBRARY THAT NIGHT...

.....
HEY, ARE YOU ALONE, MIN-HO? WHERE'S EUN-GYU?
HE WENT OUT FOR A SNACK. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
EUN-GYU IS ALWAYS AT THE SNACK BAR
SURE.
THUD
쿵
THUD
쾅
THUD
THUD
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THUD
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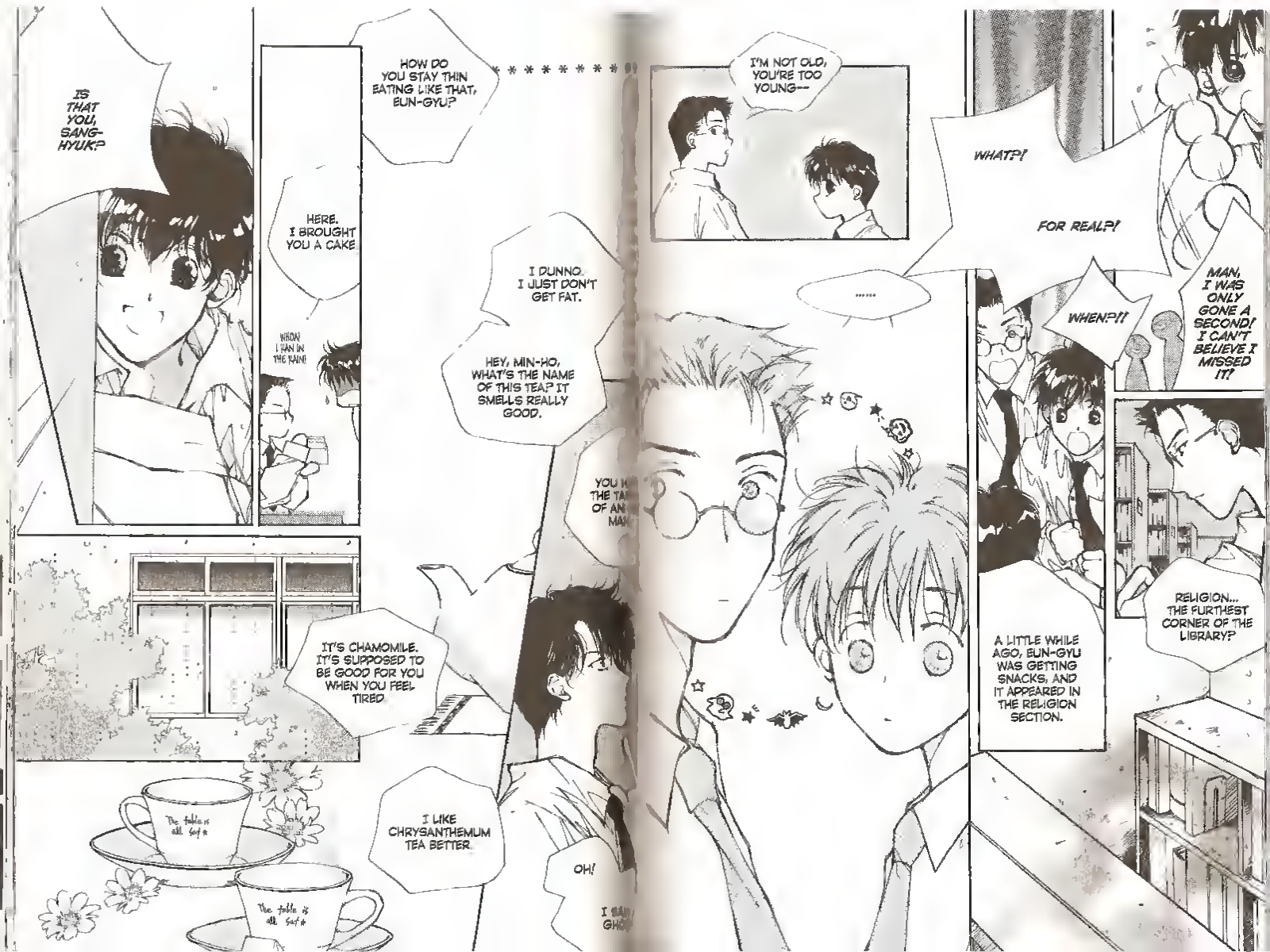
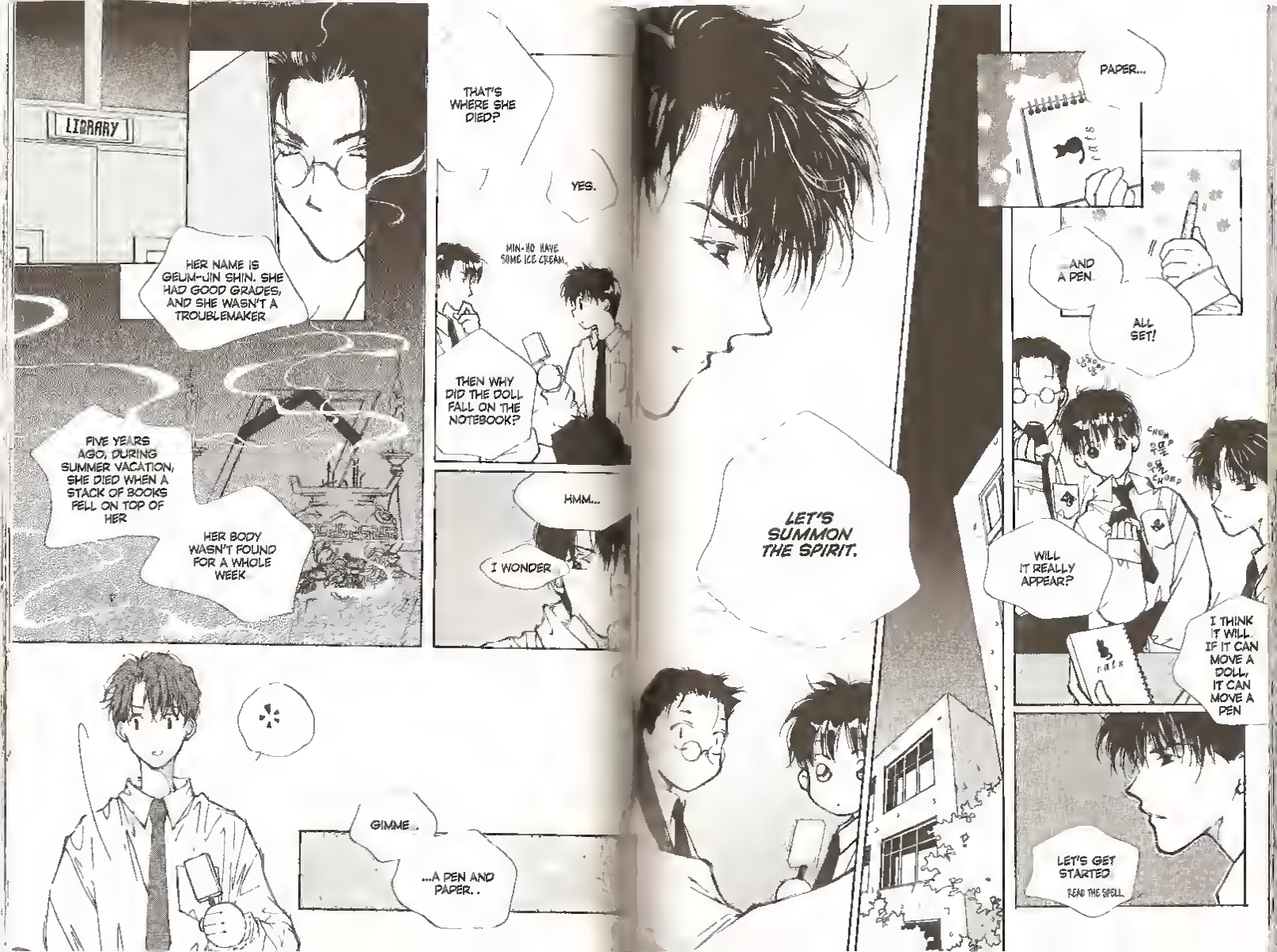
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
SOMEDAY EUN-GYU WILL FALL RIGHT THROUGH THE FLOOR


IS THAT YOU, SANG-HYUK?
HERE. I BROUGHT YOU A CAKE.
WHOA! I RAN IN THE RAIN!
HOW DO YOU STAY THIN EATING LIKE THAT, EUN-GYU?
I DUNNO. I JUST DON'T GET FAT.
HEY, MIN-HO, WHAT'S THE NAME OF THIS TEA? IT SMELLS REALLY GOOD.
IT'S CHAMOMILE. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD FOR YOU WHEN YOU FEEL TIRED.
I LIKE CHRYSANTHEMUM TEA BETTER.
OH!
I'M NOT OLD, YOU'RE TOO YOUNG--
WHAT?!
FOR REAL?!
.....
WHEN?!!
MAN, I WAS ONLY GONE A SECOND! I CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED IT!
A LITTLE WHILE AGO, EUN-GYU WAS GETTING SNACKS, AND IT APPEARED IN THE RELIGION SECTION.
RELIGION... THE FURTHEST CORNER OF THE LIBRARY?

GHOST STORIES ABOUT STUDENTS WHO DIED IN STRANGE ACCIDENTS OR COMMITTED SUICIDE ARE COMMON AS AIR IN SCHOOLS
HERE, SUCH THINGS ARE TRUE.
.....
THEY CAN USUALLY BE DISMISSED AS IDLE CHATTER, BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE IN THIS LIBRARY.
NO ONE BUT THE THREE OF US WOULD WILLINGLY SET FOOT HERE
EVEN DURING THE HOTTEST SUMMER DAY, THIS ROOM STAYS CHILLY.
THERE'S NOTHING HERE DID IT VANISH?
WHY DID IT APPEAR?
DARN! I REALLY WANTED TO SEE IT
YOU'RE THE ONLY KID WHO COMES TO SCHOOL HOPING TO SEE A GHOST.
...NK ABOUT ... I'VE SPENT ... OST OF THE ... AST YEAR ... RE, AND I'M ... NLY SEEING ... OMETHING ... TODAY.
DON'T YOU THINK THERE HAS TO BE SOME REASON IT SHOWED UP ALL OF A SUDDEN?
GHOSTS ARE UNPREDICTABLE
TAP
MIN-HO, YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME HERE
BUT HAVE YOU EVER SLEPT OVER?
!!

SANG-HYUK, LIGHT A CANDLE. IT'S TOO DARK IN HERE.
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S IN YOUR BUNDLE, EUN-GYU?
아!!
A CROSS...
...A NECKLACE OF GARLIC CLOVES..
...A HAMMER AND A NAIL...
ARE YOU HUNTING DRACULA?
THEY WERE GATHERING DUST AT HOME, SO...
IS THAT STRAW DOLL FOR CASTING SPELLS?
WHY WOULD YOU HAVE THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
AH... IT MUST BE..
...A POLTERGEIST!! (BUT THAT'S ONLY A LEGEND.)
AAAACK!!!!

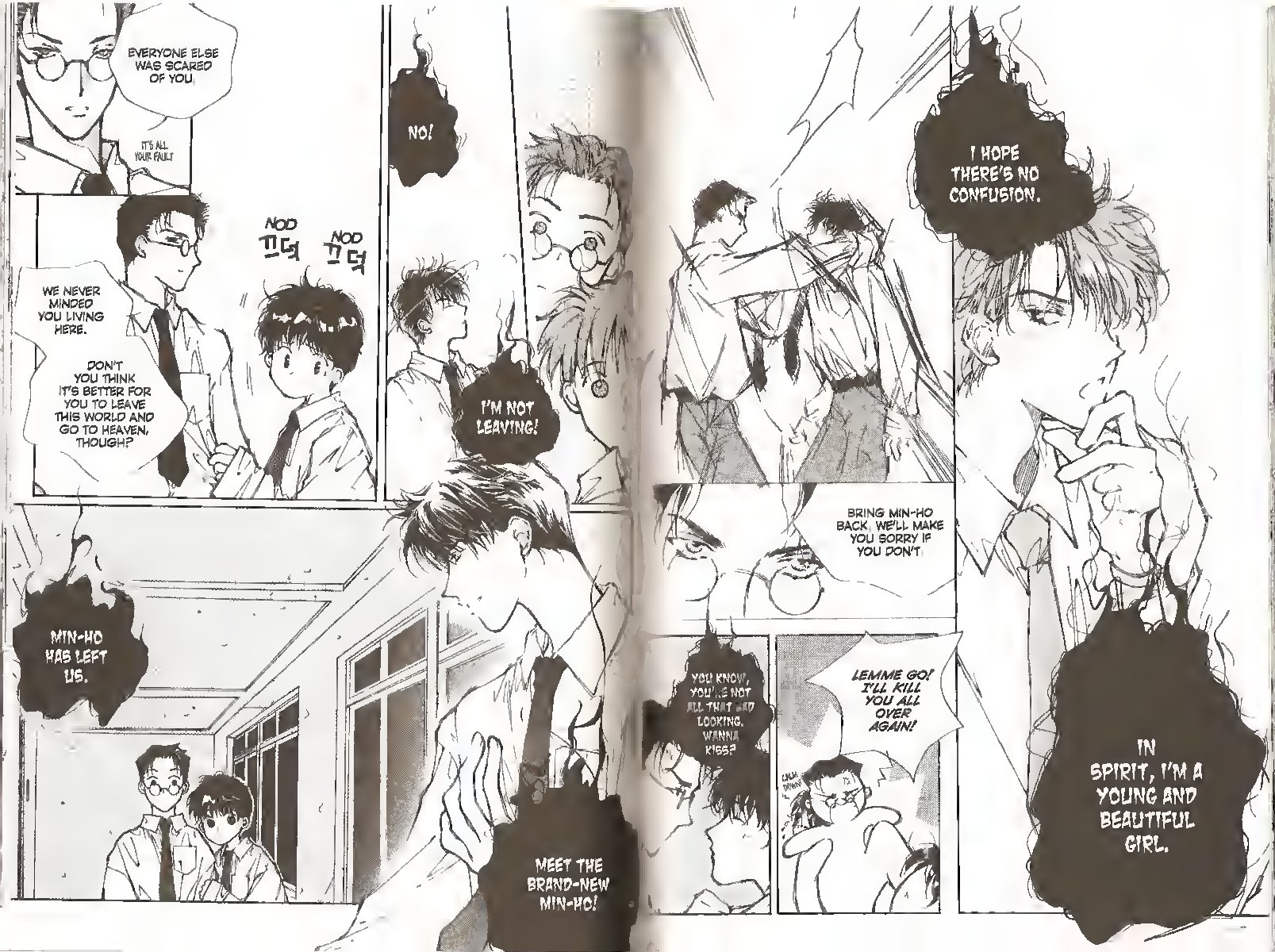
UNBELIEVABLE...
IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE
.....
CAN I TOUCH IT?
SSSSK
UM, HELLO? IT'S MOVING.
IT STOPPED!
THUD
I'M FINISHED!
WHY DID YOU BUY SO MUCH? YOU SHOULD BE GROWING LIKE A WEED, THE WAY YOU EAT!
I WISH I WAS AS TALL AS YOU!
I'M TOO SKINNY! I EAT AND EAT, BUT CAN'T BULK UP.
MIN-HO!
WHAT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE WAITING FOR US AT THE LIBRARY?
THERE'S SOMETHING I NEEDED TO FIND OUT.
YOU'RE STILL NOT DONE? LET'S GO!


LIBRARY
HER NAME IS GEUM-JIN SHIN. SHE HAD GOOD GRADES, AND SHE WASN'T A TROUBLEMAKER
FIVE YEARS AGO, DURING SUMMER VACATION, SHE DIED WHEN A STACK OF BOOKS FELL ON TOP OF HER
HER BODY WASN'T FOUND FOR A WHOLE WEEK
THAT'S WHERE SHE DIED?
YES.
MIN-HO HAVE SOME ICE CREAM.
THEN WHY DID THE DOLL FALL ON THE NOTEBOOK?
HMM...
I WONDER
GIMME..
...A PEN AND PAPER..
LET'S SUMMON THE SPIRIT.
PAPER...
AND A PEN
ALL SET!
WILL IT REALLY APPEAR?
I THINK IT WILL. IF IT CAN MOVE A DOLL, IT CAN MOVE A PEN
LET'S GET STARTED
READ THE SPELL

SRRR
AH!
SRRR
KEEP QUIET
WAS IT WAITING FOR US TO CALL?
PHAPHA
PHAPHAT
IT APPEARED ALMOST INSTANTLY.
PHAPHA
PHAPHAPHAT
I'M HAVING MORE FUN WATCHING YOU GUYS
I'LL KILL YOU!
TALK TO IT, SANG-HYUK!
SLIP
Hurt
PHAPHA
PHAPHAPHAT

IT'S GONE.
I'M SCARED...
ARE WE SAFE?
MAYBE, MAYBE NOT...
IF NOT THIS STORY ENDS RIGHT HERE

THEY'VE MOVED FAR AWAY FROM MIN-HO.
SPIRITS WASTE NO TIME POSSESSING A BODY.
AAAACK!
YOU WEREN'T AFRAID AT ALL YESTERDAY WHY ARE YOU SO SCARED?
IT'S DIFFERENT TODAY!
IT'S EASIER TO TALK TO A SPIRIT WHEN IT'S ENTERED A BODY.
HELLO.
ACK! IT SPEAKS!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I LAST CONVERSED WITH ANYONE.
DON'T BE AFRAID EUN-GYU. I'M NOT AN EVIL SPECTE..
HOW DO YOU KNOW OUR NAMES?
WELL...
...I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU GUYS.
YOU THREE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO EVER COME TO THE LIBRARY.


EVERYONE ELSE WAS SCARED OF YOU.
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT
NOD 끄덕
NOD 끄덕
WE NEVER MINDED YOU LIVING HERE.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO LEAVE THIS WORLD AND GO TO HEAVEN, THOUGH?
NO!
I'M NOT LEAVING!
MIN-HO HAS LEFT US.
MEET THE BRAND-NEW MIN-HO!
I HOPE THERE'S NO CONFUSION.
BRING MIN-HO BACK. WE'LL MAKE YOU SORRY IF YOU DON'T.
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NOT ALL THAT BAD LOOKING. WANNA KISS?
LEMME GO! I'LL KILL YOU ALL OVER AGAIN!
IN SPIRIT, I'M A YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL GIRL.

A GIRL?
DON'T PRETEND YOU DIDN'T KNOW.
A GIRL?!
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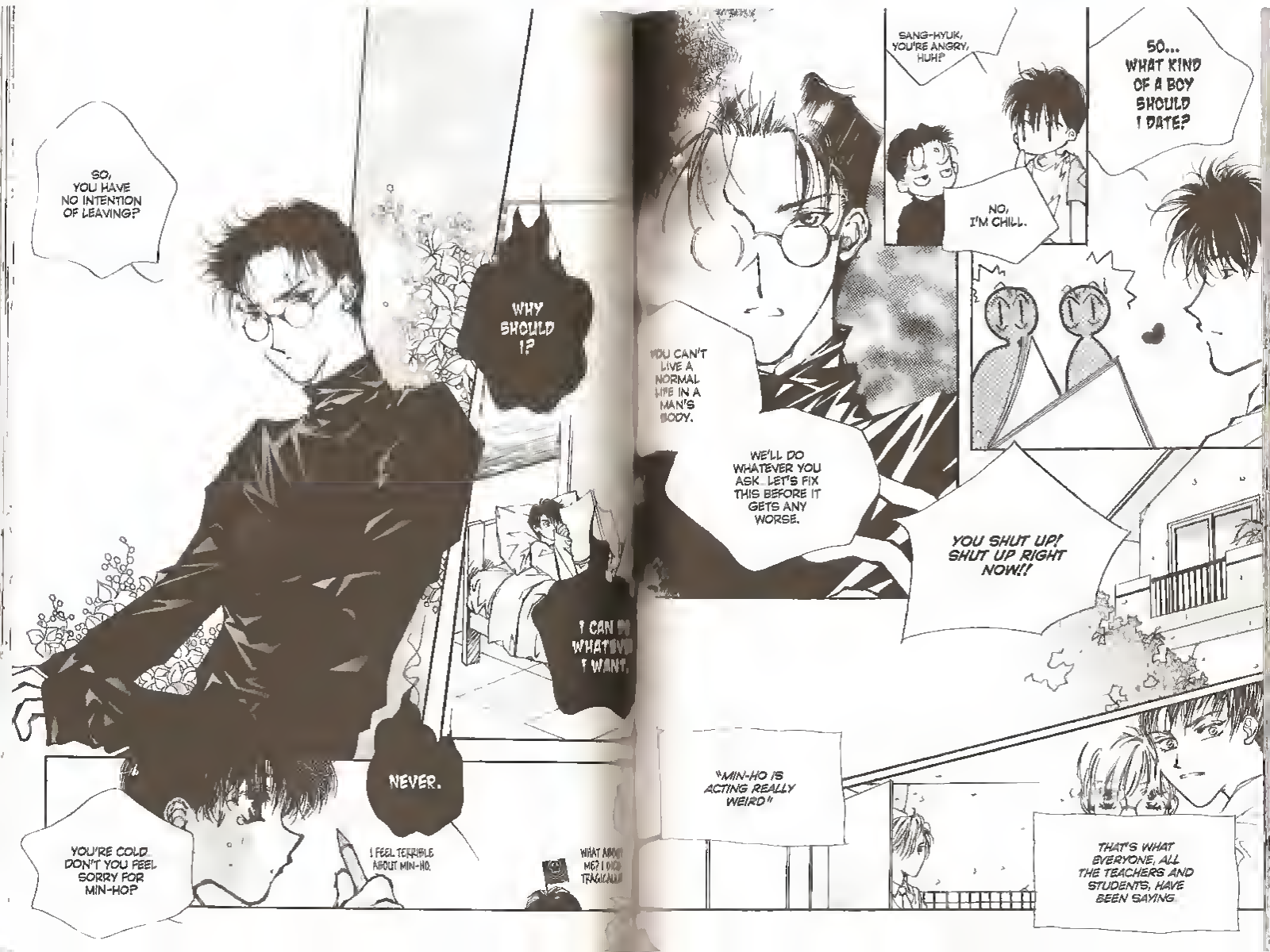
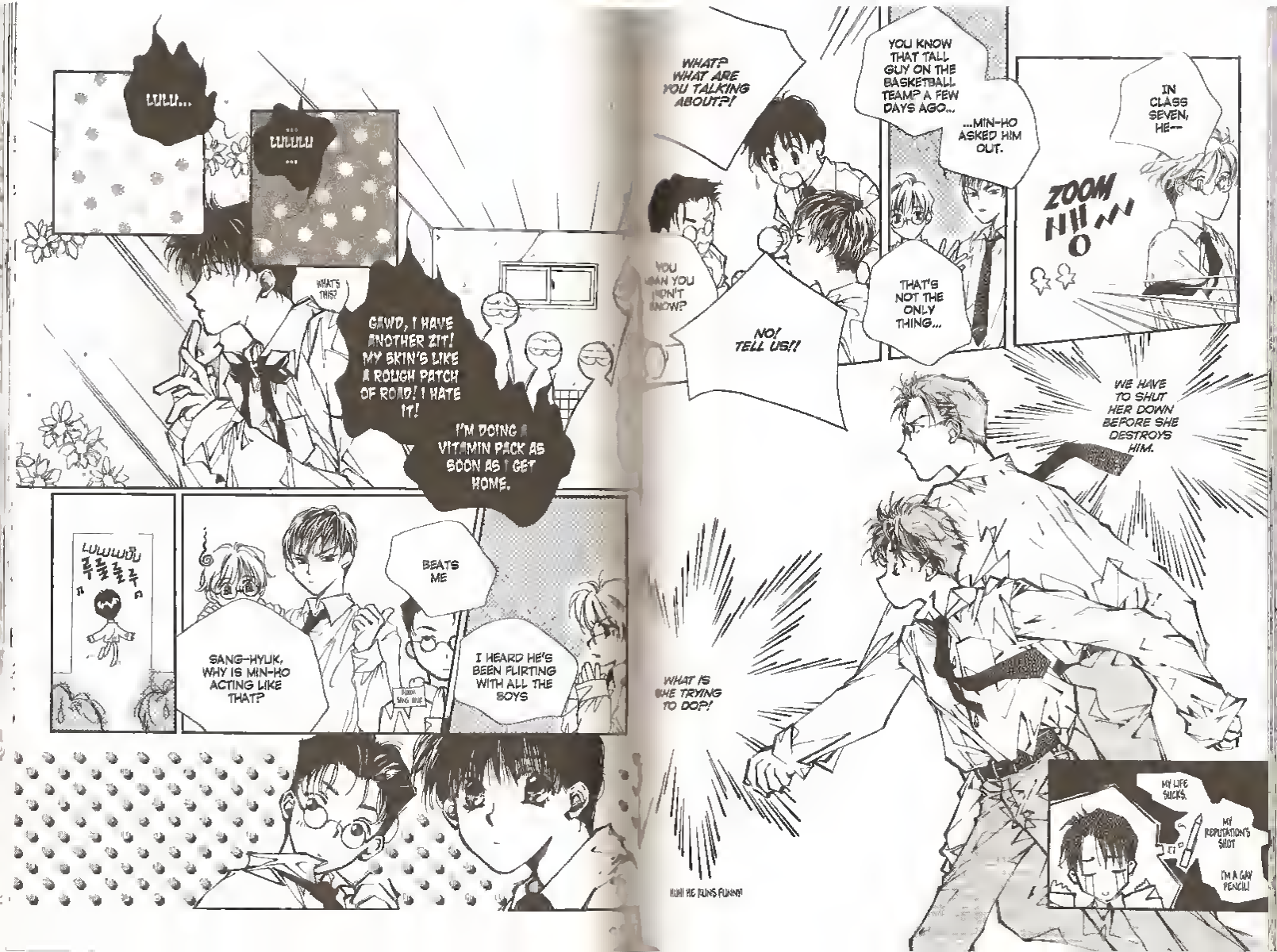
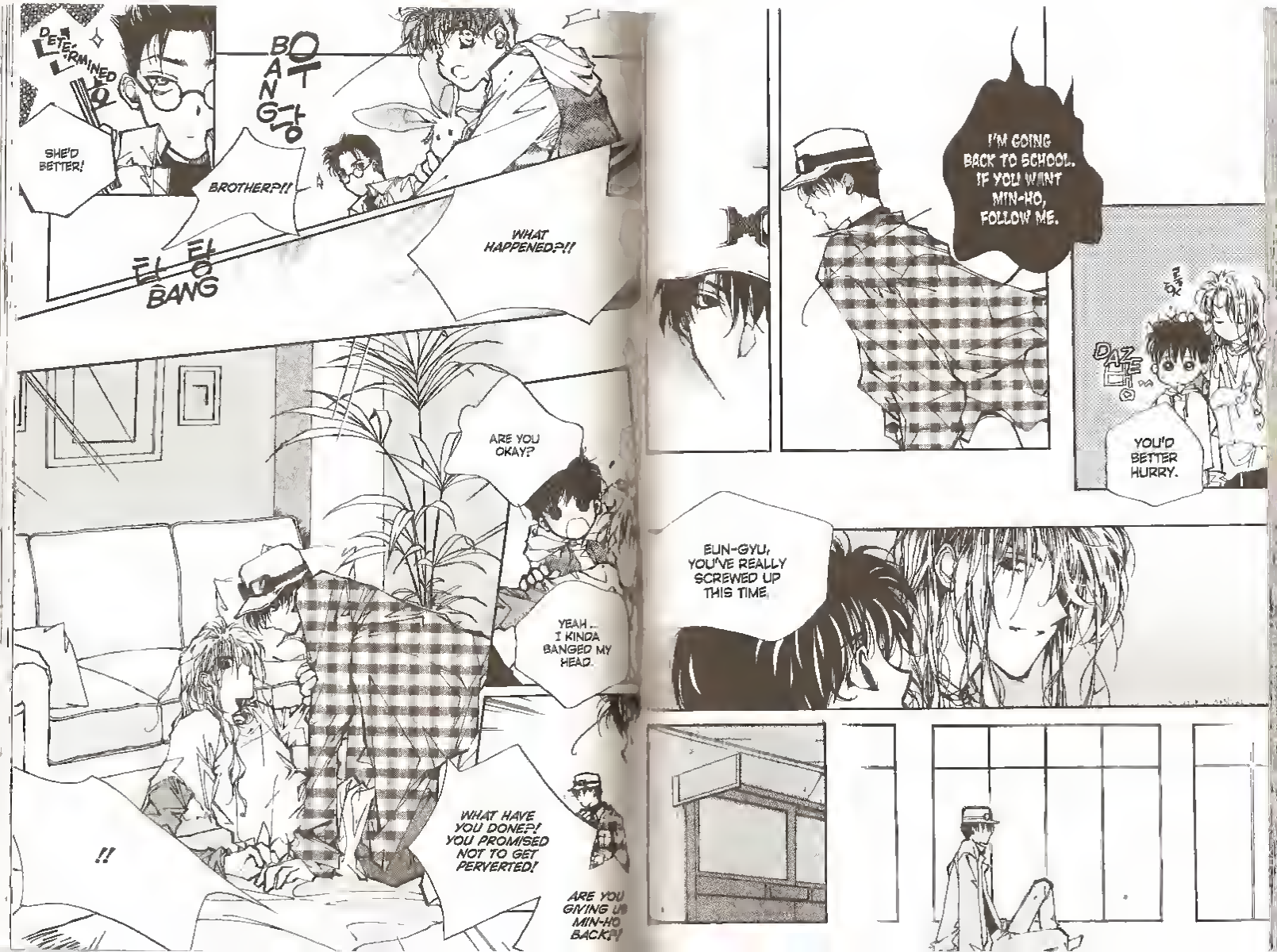
I'VE TRANSFERRED MIN-HO TO THE PENCIL. I HAD TO MAKE ROOM IN MYSELF.
EH?
IN... HERE...?
LET ME OUT...

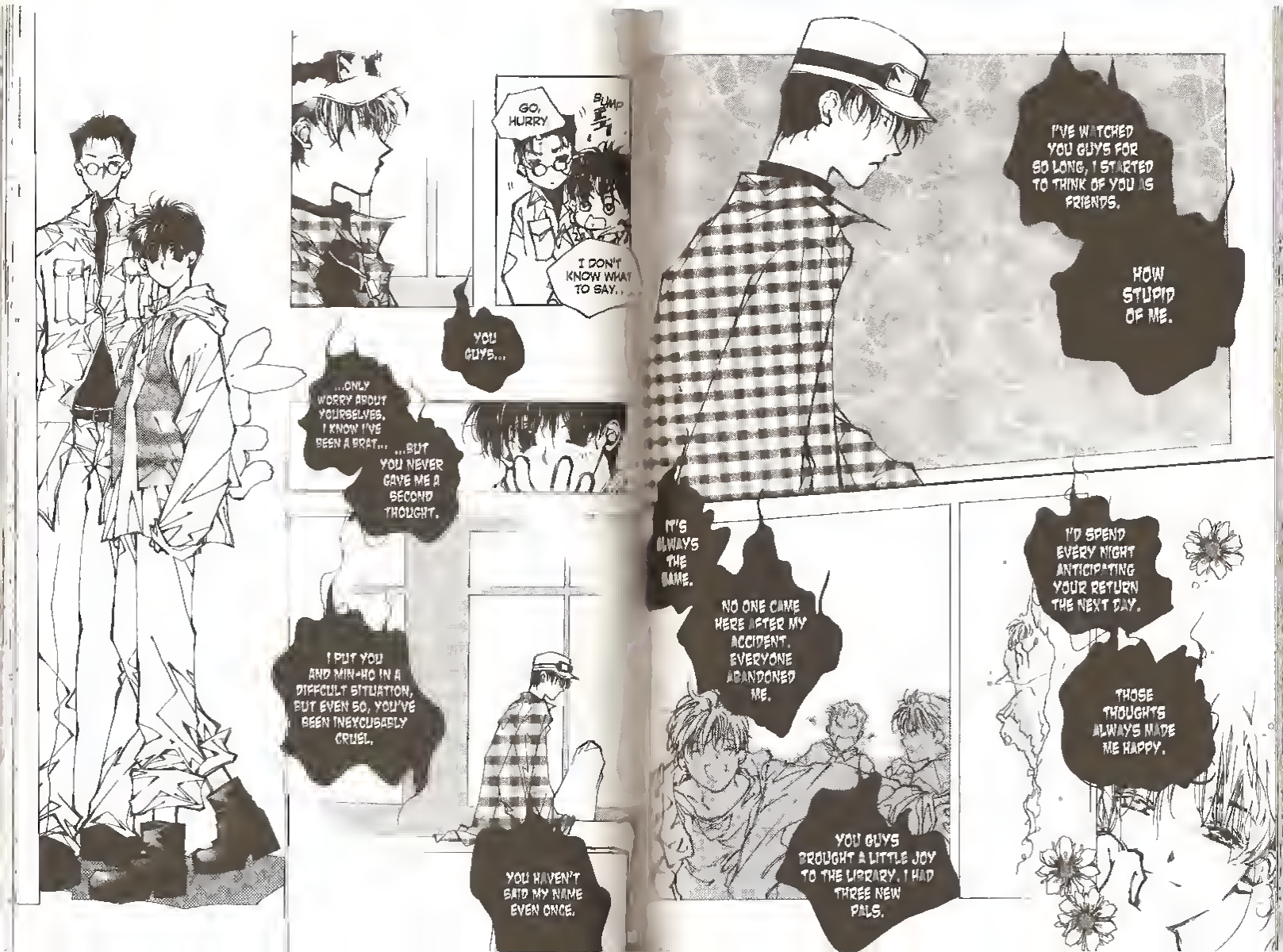

SO, YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING?
WHY SHOULD I?
I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT.
NEVER.
YOU'RE COLD. DON'T YOU FEEL SORRY FOR MIN-HO?
I FEEL TERRIBLE ABOUT MIN-HO.
WHAT ABOUT ME? I WAS TRAGICALLY
SANG-HYUK, YOU'RE ANGRY, HUH?
NO, I'M CHILL.
SO... WHAT KIND OF A BOY SHOULD I DATE?
YOU CAN'T LIVE A NORMAL LIFE IN A MAN'S BODY.
WE'LL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK. LET'S FIX THIS BEFORE IT GETS ANY WORSE.
YOU SHUT UP! SHUT UP RIGHT NOW!!
"MIN-HO IS ACTING REALLY WEIRD"
THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE, ALL THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, HAVE BEEN SAYING.

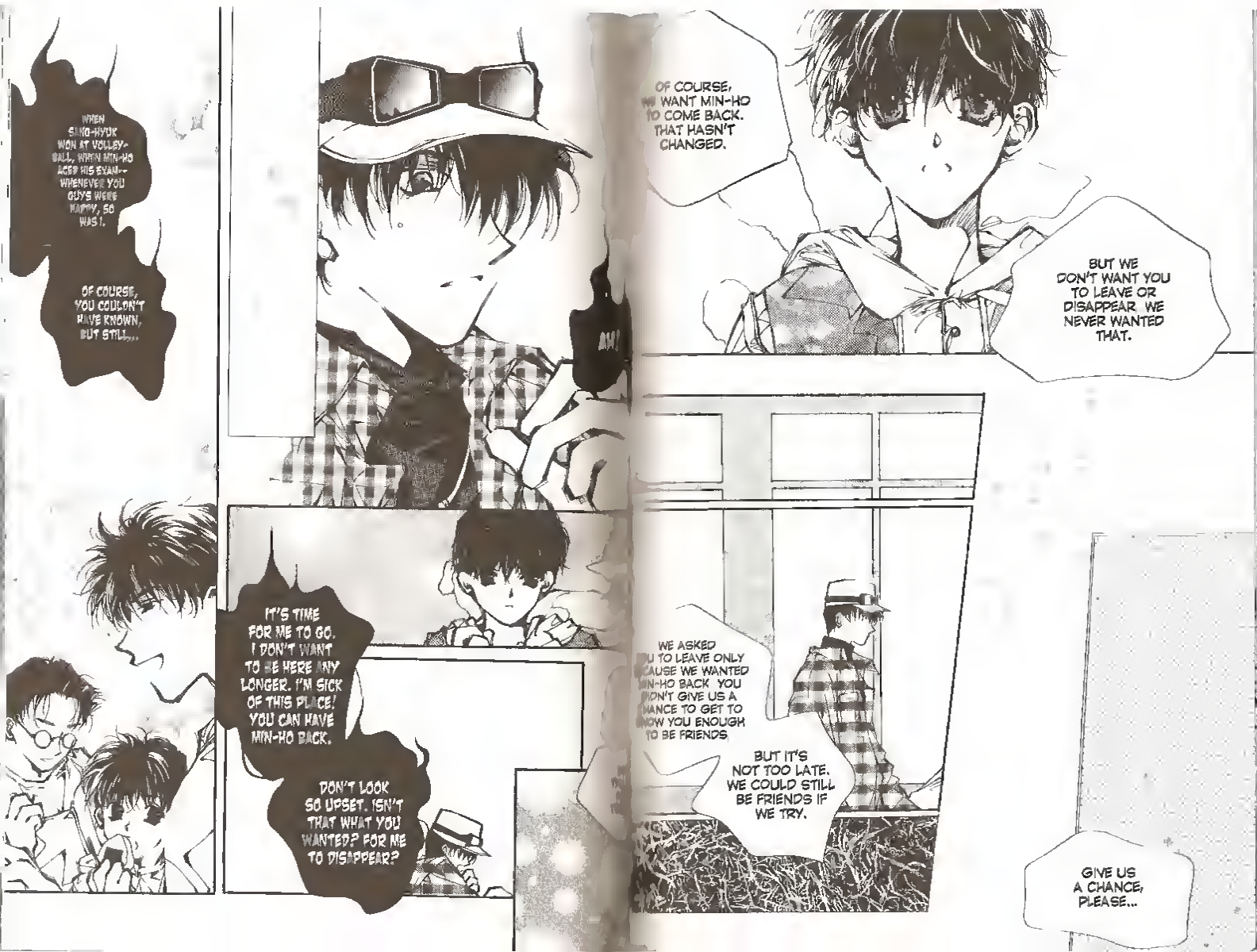

LULU...
...LULULU...
WHAT'S THIS?
GAWD, I HAVE ANOTHER ZIT! MY SKIN'S LIKE A ROUGH PATCH OF ROAD! I HATE IT!
I'M DOING A VITAMIN PACK AS SOON AS I GET HOME.
LULULULU
BEATS ME
SANG-HYUK, WHY IS MIN-HO ACTING LIKE THAT?
I HEARD HE'S BEEN FLIRTING WITH ALL THE BOYS
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YOU KNOW THAT TALL GUY ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM? A FEW DAYS AGO...
...MIN-HO ASKED HIM OUT.
IN CLASS SEVEN, HE--
ZOOM HI...
YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
NO! TELL US!!
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING...
WE HAVE TO SHUT HER DOWN BEFORE SHE DESTROYS HIM.
WHAT IS SHE TRYING TO DO?!
HUH! HE RUNS FUNNY!
MY LIFE SUCKS.
MY REPUTATION'S SHOT
I'M A GAY PENCIL!

IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY. WHY DID WE HAVE TO DO THIS?
GO! JUST LEAVE!
WHAT DO YOU WANT? WE'LL DO ANYTHING.
OKAY, LET'S SOLVE THIS IN A CIVILIZED FASHION.
SUMMONING A SPIRIT COMES WITH A HEAVY PRICE
ALL RIGHT THEN. GET ME A DATE WITH SI-YU HAN.
REALLY? THAT'S ALL?
DID YOU SAY THAT'S ALL?
ARE YOU SURE?
WHAT'S YOUR DAMAGE?
HIS LOOK WHEN HE DEBUTED
FINE. ONLY ONE DATE, THOUGH NO MORE.
MOVIE SCENARIO FOR "FOREVER"
HE'S SO BUSY THAT HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO EAT OR SLEEP.
WHATEVER HE PUTS OUT, WHETHER IT BE AN ALBUM OR A MOVIE, IT BREAK'S ALL RECORDS...
IF THAT'S WHAT IT'LL TAKE TO GET MIN-HO BACK, WE'LL DO IT
GLITTER
GLITTER
GLITTER
HELP US, BROTHER!

.....
YOU...
YOU'RE RUINING MY ANNUAL DAY OFF.
PLEASE MAKE THIS SMALL SACRIFICE FOR YOUR ADORABLE BROTHER.
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG YOU WON'T DIE JUST BECAUSE YOU GAVE UP A DAY OF REST..
..BUT
FRIEND W
HAVE TO
HIS LIP
PENC
YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT ADORABLE RIGHT NOW! I CAN'T DATE A GHOST!
BROTHER!
.....
HE SAY
UP AFTER
HERE'S YOUR DREAM DATE. YOU GET SIX HOURS HAVE A NICE TIME.
WE'LL BE WAITING IN
OTHER ROO
DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE
I STOPPED MYSELF FROM HURTING YOU BEFORE, BUT THOSE DAYS ARE OVER
JUST LOOK AT US. WE'RE PATHETIC, SITTING HERE EATING A BOXED LUNCH.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO IT'S ONLY ONE MORE HOUR
WILL SHE KEEP HER PROMISE?


DETERMINED
SHE'D BETTER!
BANG
BROTHER?!!
BANG
WHAT HAPPENED?!!
ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH... I KINDA BANGED MY HEAD.
!!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?! YOU PROMISED NOT TO GET PERVERTED!
ARE YOU GIVING UP MIN-HO BACK?!
I'M GOING BACK TO SCHOOL. IF YOU WANT MIN-HO, FOLLOW ME.
DAZE
YOU'D BETTER HURRY.
EUN-GYU, YOU'VE REALLY SCREWED UP THIS TIME.


GO, HURRY
SLUMP
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
YOU GUYS...
...ONLY WORRY ABOUT YOURSELVES. I KNOW I'VE BEEN A BRAT...
...BUT YOU NEVER GAVE ME A SECOND THOUGHT.
I PUT YOU AND MIN-HO IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION, BUT EVEN SO, YOU'VE BEEN INEXCUSABLY CRUEL.
YOU HAVEN'T SAID MY NAME EVEN ONCE.
I'VE WATCHED YOU GUYS FOR SO LONG, I STARTED TO THINK OF YOU AS FRIENDS.
HOW STUPID OF ME.
IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME.
NO ONE CAME HERE AFTER MY ACCIDENT. EVERYONE ABANDONED ME.
YOU GUYS BROUGHT A LITTLE JOY TO THE LIBRARY. I HAD THREE NEW PALS.
I'D SPEND EVERY NIGHT ANTICIPATING YOUR RETURN THE NEXT DAY.
THOSE THOUGHTS ALWAYS MADE ME HAPPY.


WHEN SUNG-HYUK WON AT VOLLEY-BALL, WHEN MIN-HO ACED HIS EXAM-- WHENEVER YOU GUYS WERE HAPPY, SO WAS I.
OF COURSE, YOU COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN, BUT STILL...
AH!
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO. I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE ANY LONGER. I'M SICK OF THIS PLACE! YOU CAN HAVE MIN-HO BACK.
DON'T LOOK SO UPSET. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANTED? FOR ME TO DISAPPEAR?
OF COURSE, WE WANT MIN-HO TO COME BACK. THAT HASN'T CHANGED.
BUT WE DON'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE OR DISAPPEAR. WE NEVER WANTED THAT.
WE ASKED YOU TO LEAVE ONLY BECAUSE WE WANTED MIN-HO BACK. YOU DON'T GIVE US A CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW YOU ENOUGH TO BE FRIENDS.
BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE. WE COULD STILL BE FRIENDS IF WE TRY.
GIVE US A CHANCE, PLEASE...

STICK AROUND. BE OUR LIBRARY BUDDY.

DO YOU REALLY MEAN IT?
DO YOU REALLY WANT ME TO STAY?
I CAN'T HANDLE BEING LONELY ANYMORE.
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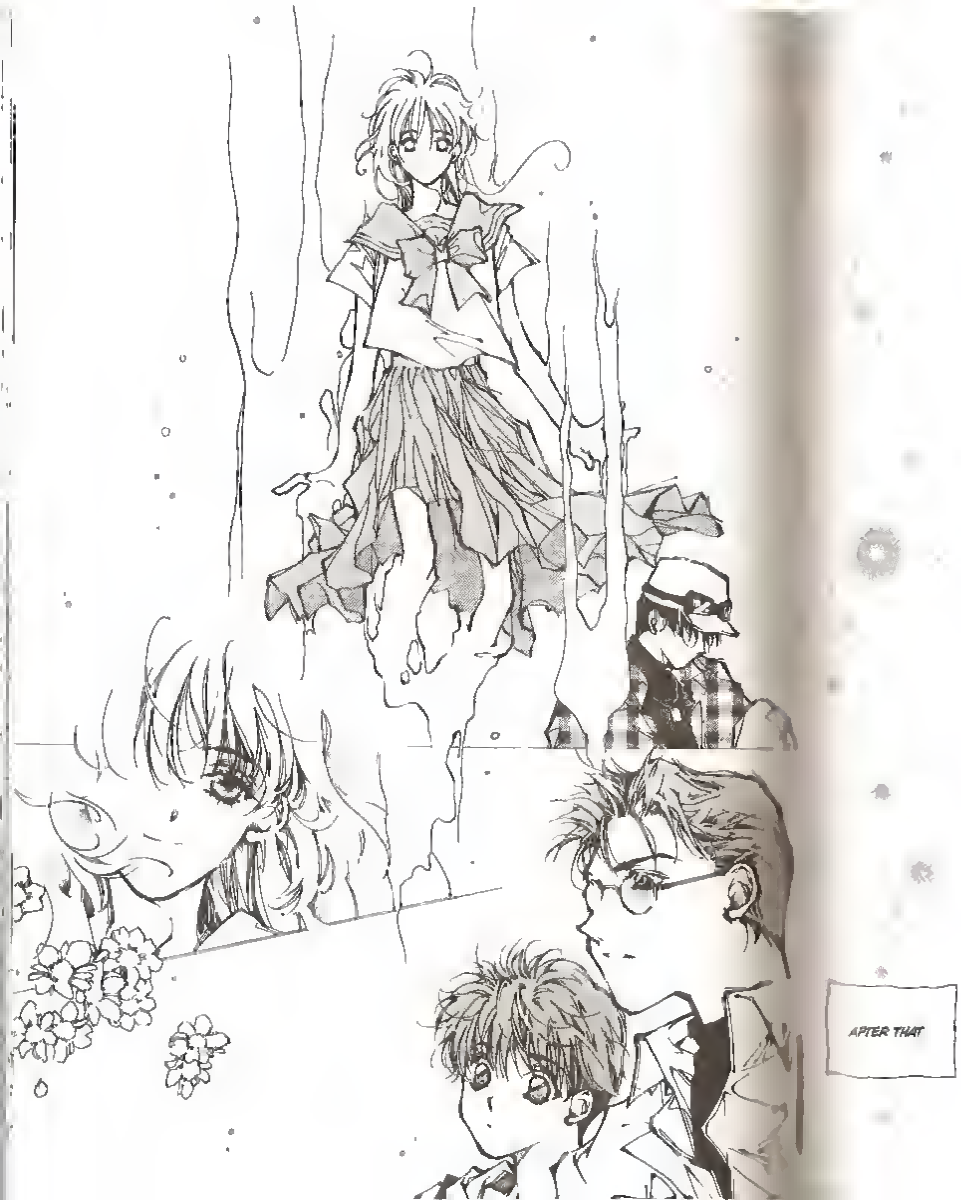
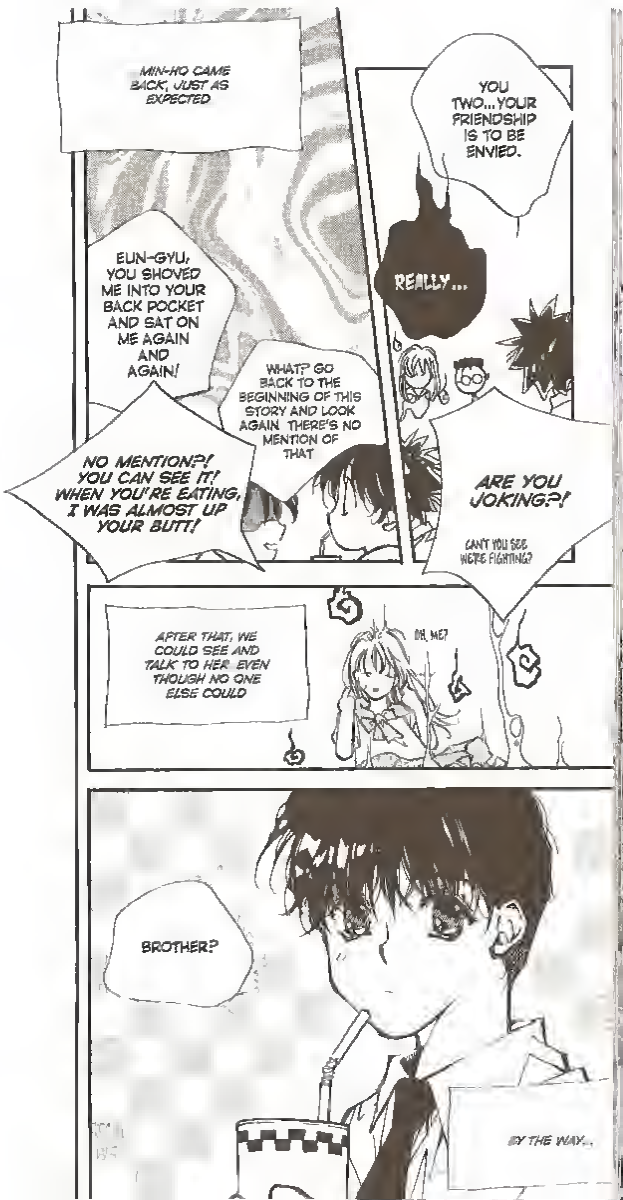

AFTER THAT


MIN-HO CAME BACK, JUST AS EXPECTED
EUN-GYU, YOU SHOVED ME INTO YOUR BACK POCKET AND SAT ON ME AGAIN AND AGAIN!
NO MENTION?! YOU CAN SEE IT! WHEN YOU'RE EATING, I WAS ALMOST UP YOUR BUTT!
WHAT? GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THIS STORY AND LOOK AGAIN. THERE'S NO MENTION OF THAT
YOU TWO... YOUR FRIENDSHIP IS TO BE ENVIED.
REALLY...
ARE YOU JOKING?!
CAN'T YOU SEE WE'RE FIGHTING?
AFTER THAT, WE COULD SEE AND TALK TO HER EVEN THOUGH NO ONE ELSE COULD
OH, ME?
BROTHER?
BY THE WAY...

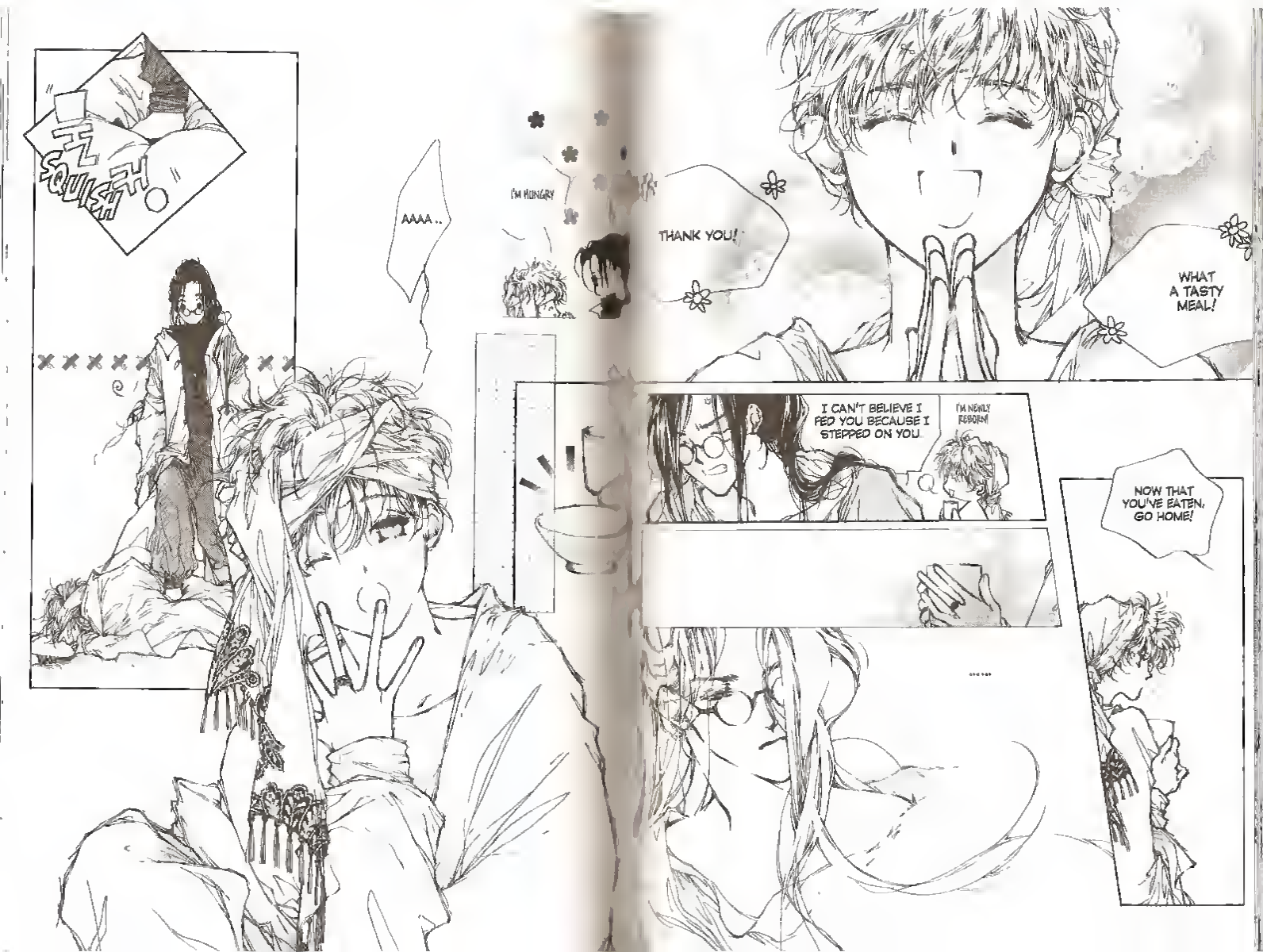
THE END OF AT THE LIBRARY THAT NIGHT

DEBUT STORY

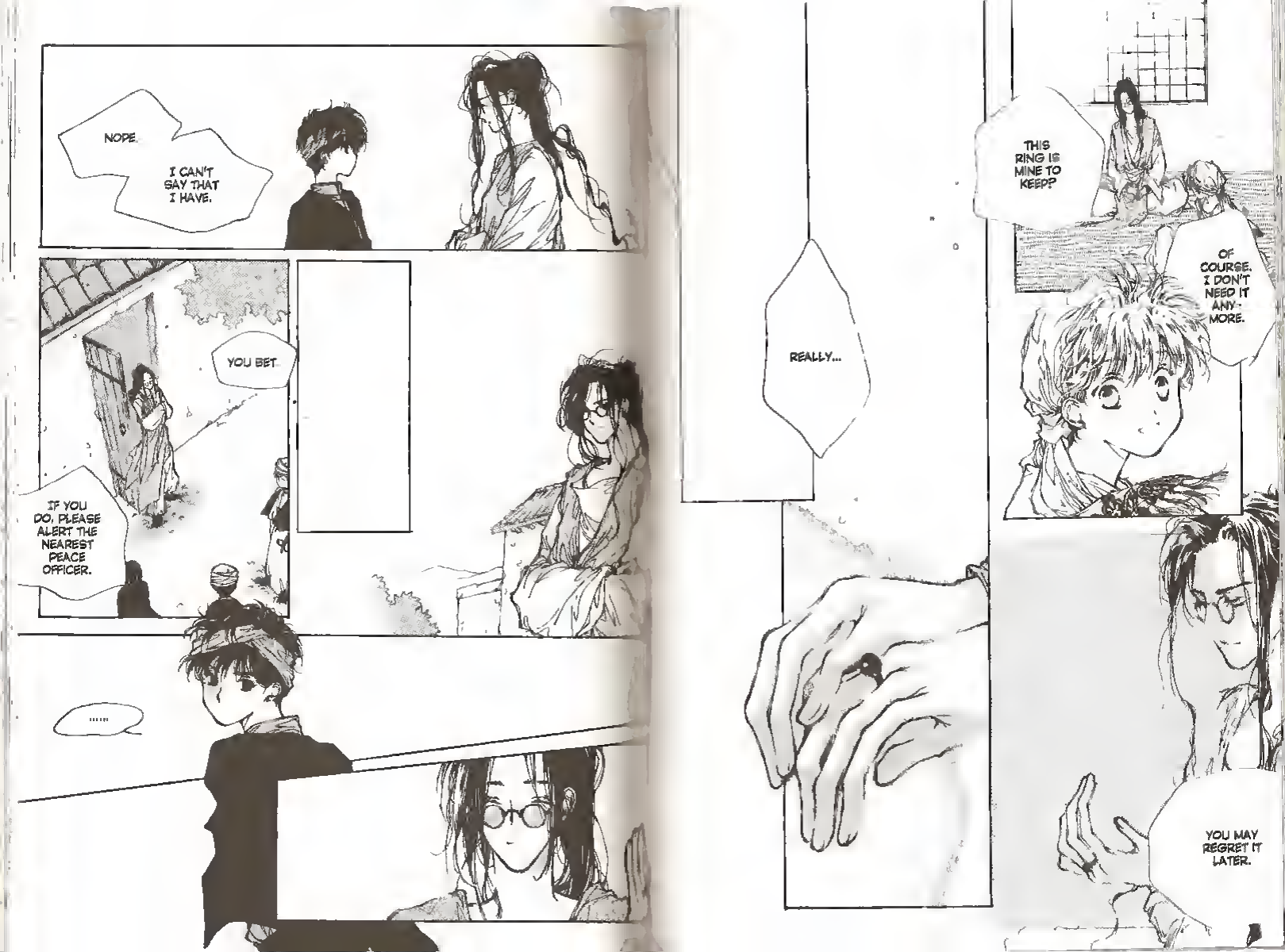
REPETITION BY FATE

WHERE IS THE PRINCE?

ONE DAY, IN A KINGDOM OF GOLD NAMED CORDOBA, THE KING SUDDENLY DIED
HIS ONLY SON, THE PRINCE, INHERITED THE THRONE.
OF COURSE...
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
THE BIRDS ARE LEAVING. WHAT'S GOING ON?


SQUISH
AAAA..
I'M HUNGRY
THANK YOU!
WHAT A TASTY MEAL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I FED YOU BECAUSE I STEPPED ON YOU..
I'M NEWLY REBORN!
NOW THAT YOU'VE EATEN, GO HOME!
.....

I'M...
...AN ORPHAN.
HANDSOME FACE
LUXURIOUS ORNAMENTS
AND HOMELESS.
EXPENSIVE CLOTHES
LIKE I'M GOING TO FALL FOR THAT TIRED OLD LINE!
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
YOU WON'T?
NO.
NOW WHO'S LYING?
GET OUT!
BANG
BANG
BANG
IS THERE ANYONE IN HERE?
HAVE YOU BY ANY CHANCE SEEN A BLONDE-HAIRED BOY?


NOPE.
I CAN'T SAY THAT I HAVE.
YOU BET.
IF YOU DO, PLEASE ALERT THE NEAREST PEACE OFFICER.
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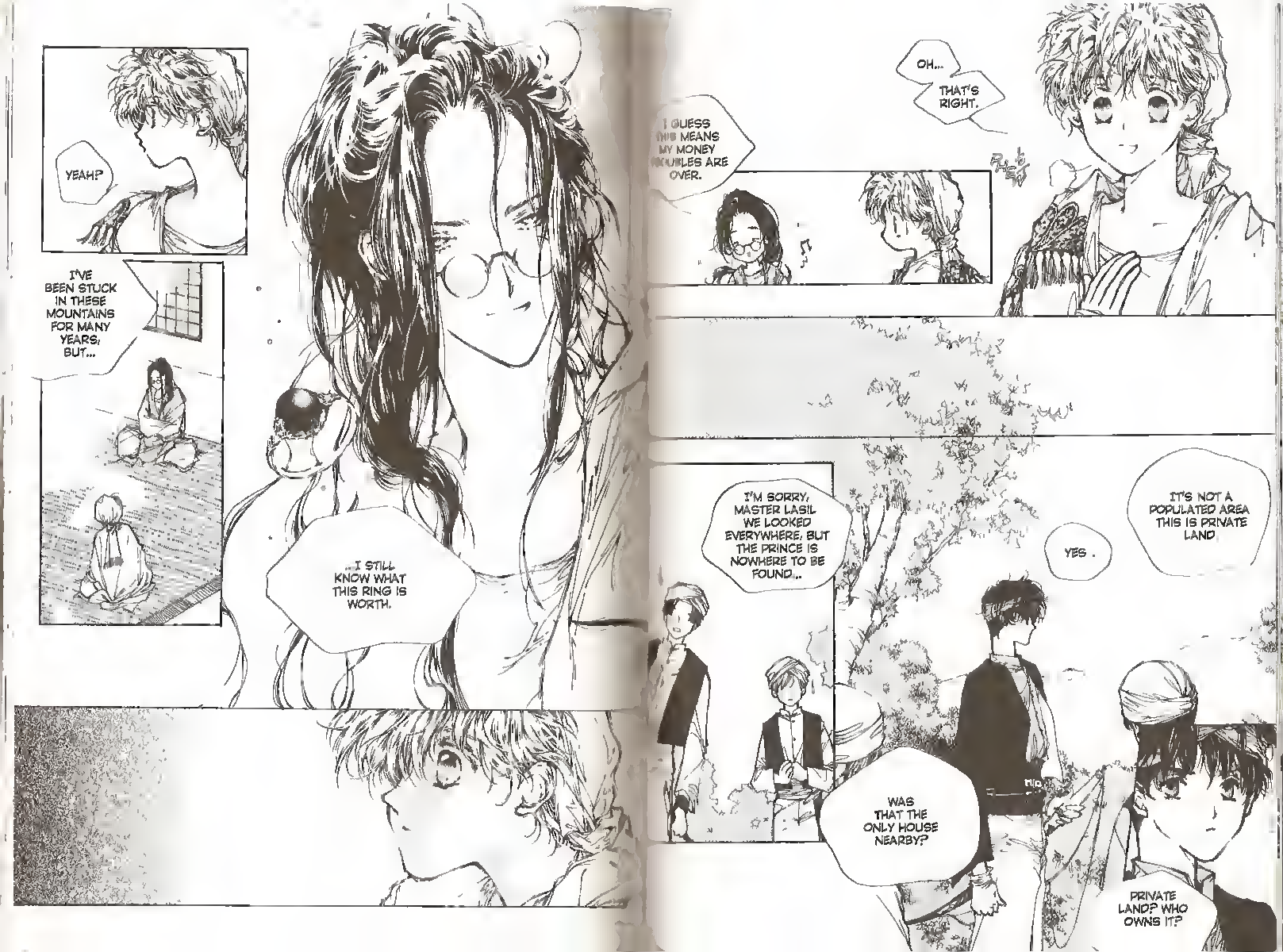
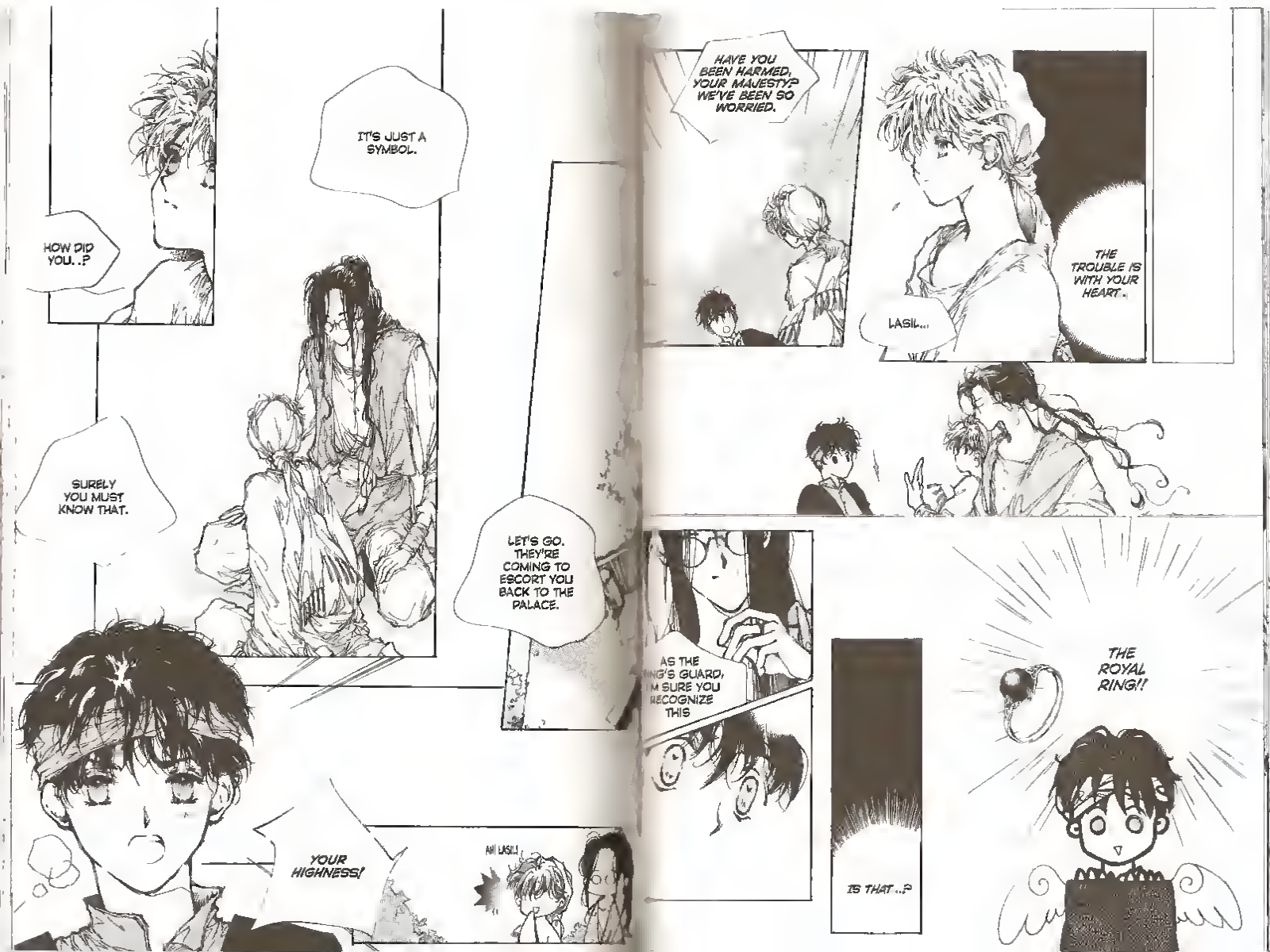
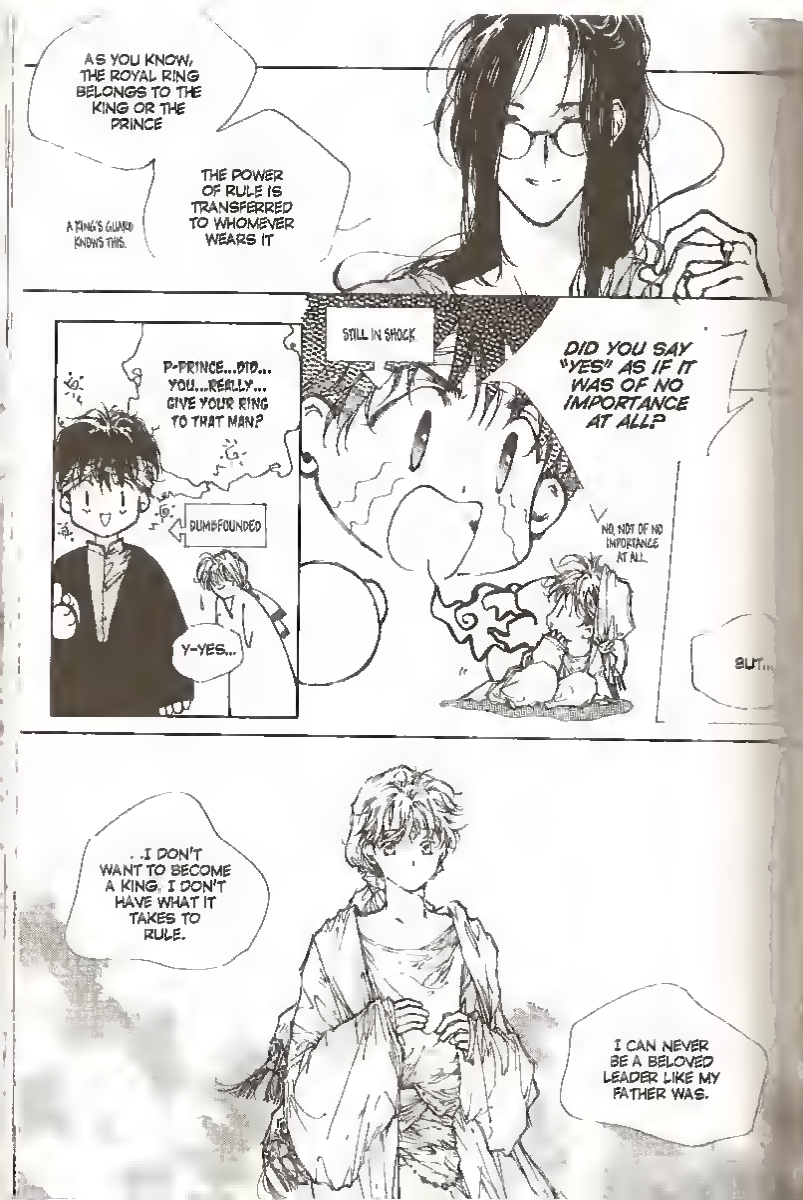
REALLY...
THIS RING IS MINE TO KEEP?
OF COURSE. I DON'T NEED IT ANY-MORE.
YOU MAY REGRET IT LATER.

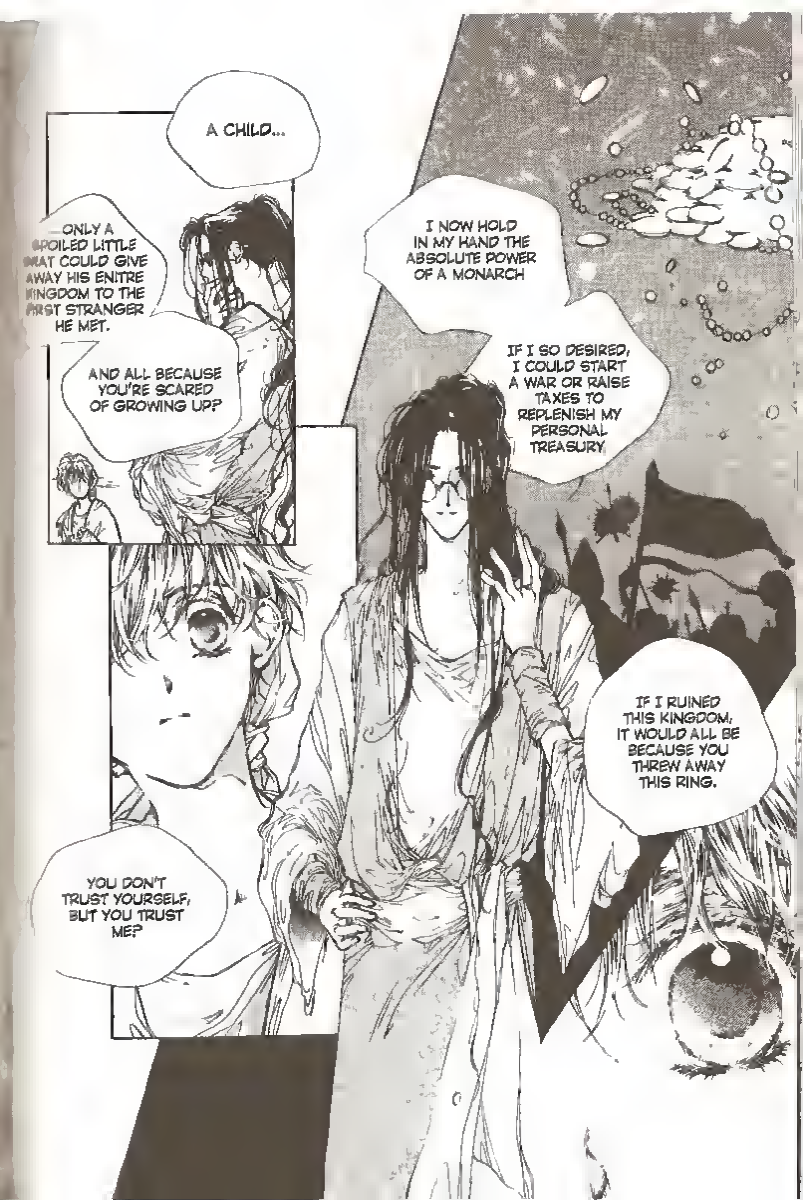

YEAH?
I'VE BEEN STUCK IN THESE MOUNTAINS FOR MANY YEARS, BUT...
...I STILL KNOW WHAT THIS RING IS WORTH.
I GUESS THIS MEANS MY MONEY TROUBLES ARE OVER.
OH...
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M SORRY, MASTER LASIL WE LOOKED EVERYWHERE, BUT THE PRINCE IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND...
YES .
IT'S NOT A POPULATED AREA THIS IS PRIVATE LAND
WAS THAT THE ONLY HOUSE NEARBY?
PRIVATE LAND? WHO OWNS IT?

HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO LIVES HERE.
THE MAN WE JUST MET. HE WAS PERSONALLY GRANTED THE PROPERTY BY THE LATE KING.
THE KING HIMSELF, EH? WHO IS THIS MAN, I WONDER...?
THE PRINCE IS IN THAT HOUSE!
SIGH
SUMMON THE REST OF THE SQUAD IMMEDIATELY!

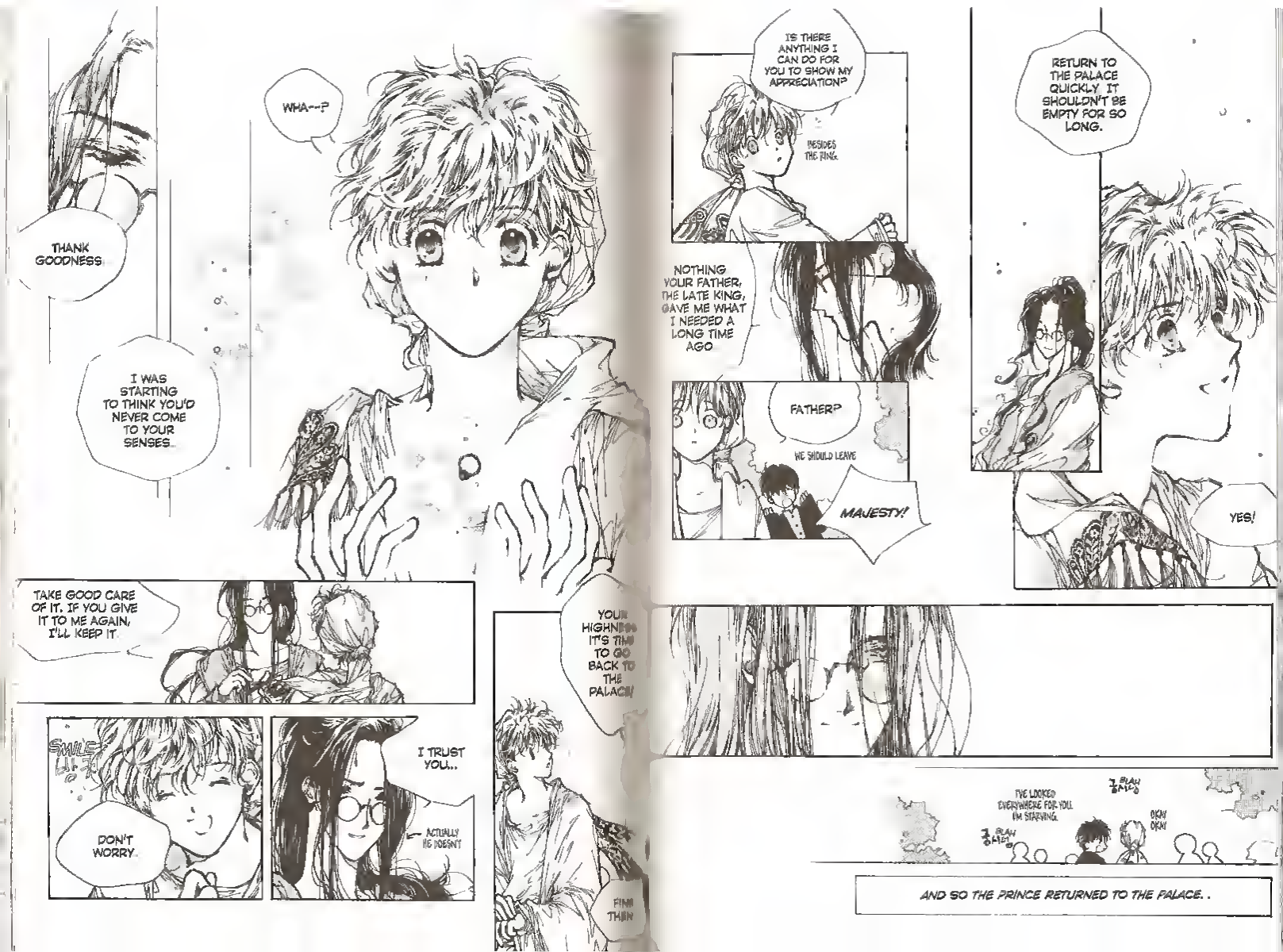
I'M FRIGHTENED BY WHAT THEY EXPECT OF ME.
YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU'LL BE THE KING OF THIS COUNTRY SOON. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR FEAR
IT'S HEAVY..
THE WEIGHT OF THIS RING...
I WISH TO BE FREE OF IT.
I DON'T WANT TO BE THE KING!
WHY DO YOU STILL BROOD?
I BEAR YOUR BURDEN NOW.
COULD IT BE THE TROUBLE IS WITH YOUR HEART, NOT YOUR JEWELRY, YOUR HIGHNESS?


HOW DID YOU..?
IT'S JUST A SYMBOL.
SURELY YOU MUST KNOW THAT.
LET'S GO. THEY'RE COMING TO ESCORT YOU BACK TO THE PALACE.
YOUR HIGHNESS!
AH! LASIL!
HAVE YOU BEEN HARMED, YOUR MAJESTY? WE'VE BEEN SO WORRIED.
LASIL...
THE TROUBLE IS WITH YOUR HEART.
AS THE KING'S GUARD, I'M SURE YOU RECOGNIZE THIS
IS THAT..?
THE ROYAL RING!!


AS YOU KNOW, THE ROYAL RING BELONGS TO THE KING OR THE PRINCE
A KING'S GUARD KNOWS THIS.
THE POWER OF RULE IS TRANSFERRED TO WHOMEVER WEARS IT
P-PRINCE...DID... YOU...REALLY... GIVE YOUR RING TO THAT MAN?
DUMBFOUNDED
Y-YES...
STILL IN SHOCK
DID YOU SAY "YES" AS IF IT WAS OF NO IMPORTANCE AT ALL?
NO, NOT OF NO IMPORTANCE AT ALL.
BUT...
. . I DON'T WANT TO BECOME A KING. I DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO RULE.
I CAN NEVER BE A BELOVED LEADER LIKE MY FATHER WAS.


A CHILD...
...ONLY A SPOILED LITTLE BRAT COULD GIVE AWAY HIS ENITRE KINGDOM TO THE FIRST STRANGER HE MET.
AND ALL BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARED OF GROWING UP?
I NOW HOLD IN MY HAND THE ABSOLUTE POWER OF A MONARCH
IF I SO DESIRED, I COULD START A WAR OR RAISE TAXES TO REPLENISH MY PERSONAL TREASURY.
IF I RUINED THIS KINGDOM, IT WOULD ALL BE BECAUSE YOU THREW AWAY THIS RING.
YOU DON'T TRUST YOURSELF, BUT YOU TRUST ME?

SILENCE, IMPUDENT FOOL! RETURN THE RING AT ONCE!!
HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN?
I COULD HAVE YOU KILLED FOR SPEAKING THAT WAY TO ME
I APOLOGIZE. I'M NOTHING BUT A FOOLISH COWARD.
I TRIED TO SHIRK MY DUTIES YOU'RE RIGHT TO BERATE ME IN THIS MANNER.
I'M STILL YOUNG AND IMMATURE
EVEN SO, I DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT MY PEOPLE THEY TRUST ME, AND THEY'RE READY TO FOLLOW.
...THE RING...
...PLEASE RETURN IT TO ME.
YOUR HIGHNESS...
MAJESTY!


THANK GOODNESS.
I WAS STARTING TO THINK YOU'D NEVER COME TO YOUR SENSES.
WHA--?
TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT. IF YOU GIVE IT TO ME AGAIN, I'LL KEEP IT.
SMILE
DON'T WORRY.
I TRUST YOU...
ACTUALLY HE DOESN'T
YOUR HIGHNESS IT'S TIME TO GO BACK TO THE PALACE!
FINE THEN
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION?
BESIDES THE RING.
NOTHING YOUR FATHER, THE LATE KING, GAVE ME WHAT I NEEDED A LONG TIME AGO.
FATHER?
WE SHOULD LEAVE
MAJESTY!
RETURN TO THE PALACE QUICKLY. IT SHOULDN'T BE EMPTY FOR SO LONG.
YES!
I'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE FOR YOU. I'M STARVING.
BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH
OKAY OKAY
AND SO THE PRINCE RETURNED TO THE PALACE. .

...AND PEACE WAS RESTORED TO HIS KINGDOM. THE NEW KING AND ALL OF HIS PEOPLE LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

ALL EXCEPT FOR ONE.

WASN'T MY SON CUTE?

OH, FATHER! LONG TIME NO SEE. DID YOU SEE MY SON?

OF COURSE, I DID. HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ME!

HOW'VE YOU BEEN?

PHEW. ONCE AGAIN, MY DESCENDENT SUCCESSFULLY BECAME A KING.

I'M TIRED OF THIS!

WHY AM I DOOMED TO LIVE THIS DRAMA AGAIN AND AGAIN?

KING

WELL, RUNNING AWAY FROM ROYAL DUTIES IS A FAMILY TRADITION, AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SET OUR BOYS STRAIGHT!

THAT'S WHY I GAVE YOU THE LAND.

THE END OF WHERE IS THE PRINCE?

THE PRICE FOR LIFTING A CURSE

SILVER GARDEN

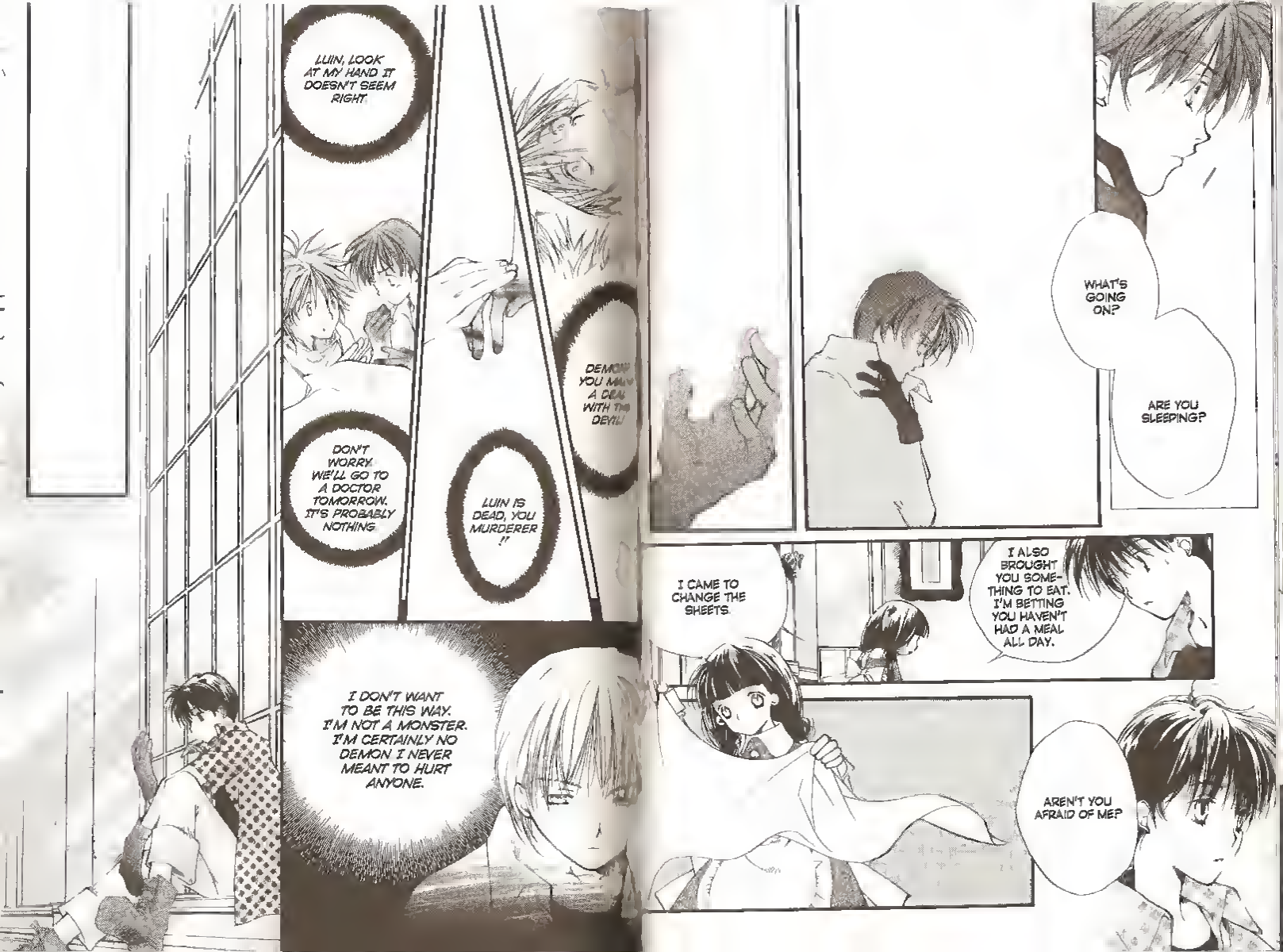
GET THE HELL OUT OF THIS TOWN... MONSTER!
I DON'T LIKE IT MYSELF...
STOP..
DON'T EVEN THINK OF COMING BACK HERE!
LUIN IS DYING BECAUSE OF YOU!
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY I A-
WAS IT..
...A DREAM?
I DREAM A LOT THESE DAYS
.....
OH...

ACH!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, BUT I WAS STARVING!
ATE... THEM...
MY PRECIOUS RADISHES... I WAS GOING TO PICKLE THEM WITH RED PEPPER PASTE... THIS YEAR, RADISH SEEDS WERE RARE, SO I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO PLANT THAT MANY...AND YOU GOBBLED THEM UP!
YOU ATE THEM UP...
CALM DOWN.
DEAR GOD.
GET READY, BECAUSE I'M COMING!
EHP DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE---
ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE A CUSTOMER? BECAUSE IF YOU ARE...
...I WON'T ASK YOU TO COMPENSATE US FOR THE RADISHES.
SAY WHAT?
DON'T ACT SO FAWNING. YOU'LL RUIN YOUR REPUTATION.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
IT CAN'T BE!! THAT STRANGE MAN IS..!
THEY'RE LYING!
DON'T USE A HOE IT'S REALLY SCARY AS A WEAPON! YOU MIGHT DESTROY HIS SKIN AND ORGANS.
STRANGLE HIM THAT'S A BETTER WAY TO KILL HIM

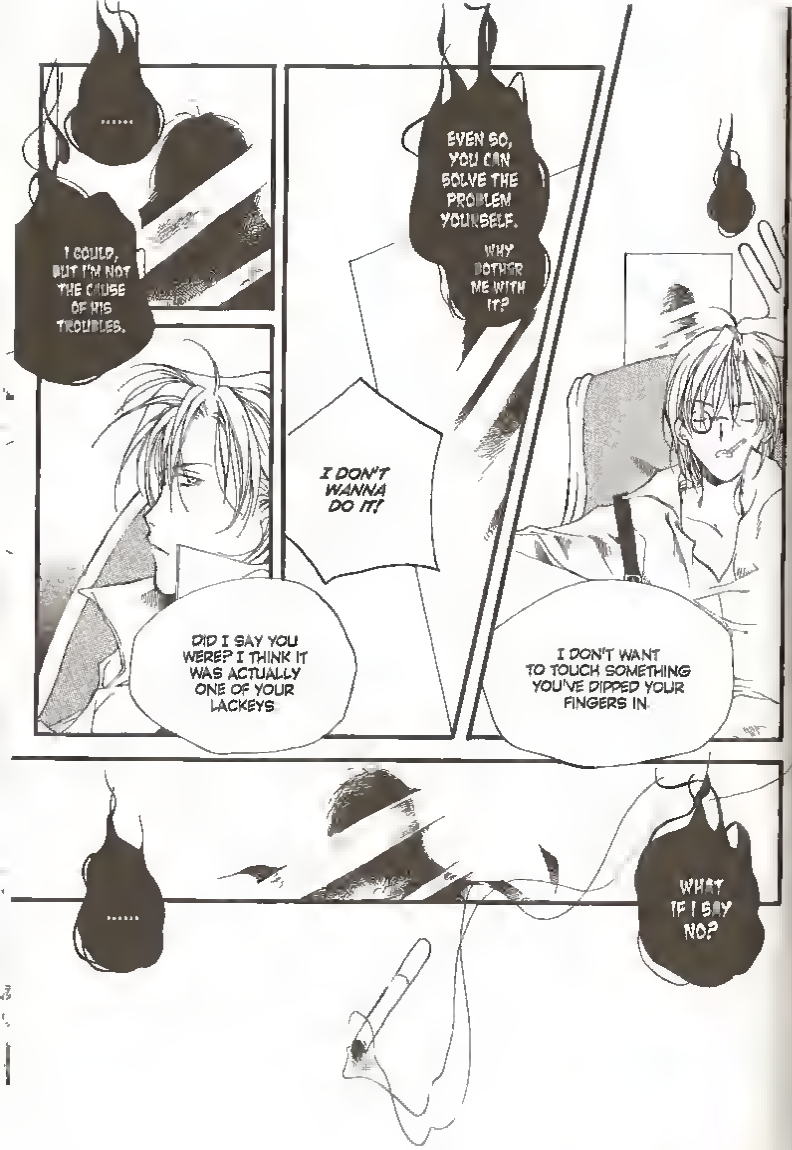
SO, WHY WOULD YOU ROAM THE FOREST ALL NIGHT LOOKING FOR ME?
WELL...
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU HELP PEOPLE IF YOU THINK THEY HAVE INTERESTING PROBLEMS?
...I HEARD PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT YOU AT THE VILLAGE INN.
NO! NOT AT ALL!
I JUST WANT TO GET THE READERS UP TO SPEED
WHAT, YOU THINK IT'S JUST A RUMOR?
TELL ME ABOUT YOUR PROBLEM.
I'LL DECIDE WHETHER I'M GOING TO HELP YOU OR NOT AFTER I LISTEN TO YOUR STORY
OF COURSE, MY AID ISN'T FREE IN A CAPITALIST SOCIETY, THERE IS AN EXCHANGE OF ADEQUATE PAY FOR SERVICES RENDERED.
I DISCOVERED THIS HAND...
I..
SOMETHING FREAKY HAPPENED TO ME A FEW YEARS AGO I HAD JUST RECOVERED FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS..
...WAS CAPABLE OF MURDER!

WHEREVER I WENT, IT WAS THE SAME STORY
WHAT?! NO! IF YOU TOUCH MY HAND--
LET ME SEE YOUR HAND.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST LET ME SEE.
DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL TALENT?
HE'S BEEN THROUGH HERE
HA HA HA . . . JUST AS I EXPECTED.
I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH! MWA-HA-HA!
IF I TOUCHED YOU WITH THIS HAND, YOU'D DROP DEAD.
EVEN MY PARENTS AND RELATIVES CALLED ME THE DEVIL'S SPAWN AND I WAS CHASED OUT OF OUR VILLAGE.

I'M SO JEALOUS NO FOOLIN', I'D KILL FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I'D RID THE WORLD OF PEOPLE I HATED.
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT A BORING, ORDINARY LIFE?! GROW SOME STONES, MAN!
I DON'T WANT TO BE DIFFERENT. I WANT A NORMAL LIFE JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
RIKA, IS THE GUEST ROOM CLEAN?
NO. WE'VE HAD NO GUESTS, SO IT'S JUST BEEN GATHERING DUST.
CLEANING THIS BIG HOUSE IS A BIG JOB.
RIKA WILL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM. REST FOR A WHILE. IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL THINK ABOUT WHETHER I'M GOING TO HELP YOU OR NOT.
DO YOU THINK THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO CURE MY CONDITION?
THEN WHY--?
LOOK, I'LL DECIDE WHAT I WANT TO DO. PISS ME OFF, AND YOU'LL LOSE OUT. BE PATIENT AND WAIT FOR MY ANSWER.
AND MY FEE IS PRETTY HIGH. EVEN IF I DO END UP HELPING YOU, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT?


LUIN, LOOK AT MY HAND IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT
DEMON! YOU MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL!
DON'T WORRY. WE'LL GO TO A DOCTOR TOMORROW. IT'S PROBABLY NOTHING
LUIN IS DEAD, YOU MURDERER !!
I DON'T WANT TO BE THIS WAY. I'M NOT A MONSTER. I'M CERTAINLY NO DEMON I NEVER MEANT TO HURT ANYONE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ARE YOU SLEEPING?
I CAME TO CHANGE THE SHEETS.
I ALSO BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING TO EAT. I'M BETTING YOU HAVEN'T HAD A MEAL ALL DAY.
AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF ME?

YOU'RE KINDA FUNNY.
YOU ALMOST SOUND UPSET THAT I'M NOT SCARED
NO . THAT'S NOT IT.
IF YOU CAN KILL ME WITH THAT HAND, I'LL APPLAUD YOU.
WHO IS THAT MAN?
WHO?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING CALLING ME AT THIS HOUR?
ARE YOU FINALLY READY FOR MY LOVE, BABY? ♥
QUIT JOKING AROUND!
YOU'RE NICE TO EVERYONE BUT ME.
THAT'S SUCH A LIE! I LOATHE HUMANS!
IF YOU'RE SO SMART, FIX THAT BOY.
SAVE ME THE HASSLE
NOW WHO'S THE LIAR? IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE.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I COULD, BUT I'M NOT THE CAUSE OF HIS TROUBLES.
EVEN SO, YOU CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM YOURSELF.
WHY BOTHER ME WITH IT?
I DON'T WANNA DO IT!
DID I SAY YOU WERE? I THINK IT WAS ACTUALLY ONE OF YOUR LACKEYS
I DON'T WANT TO TOUCH SOMETHING YOU'VE DIPPED YOUR FINGERS IN.
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WHAT IF I SAY NO?

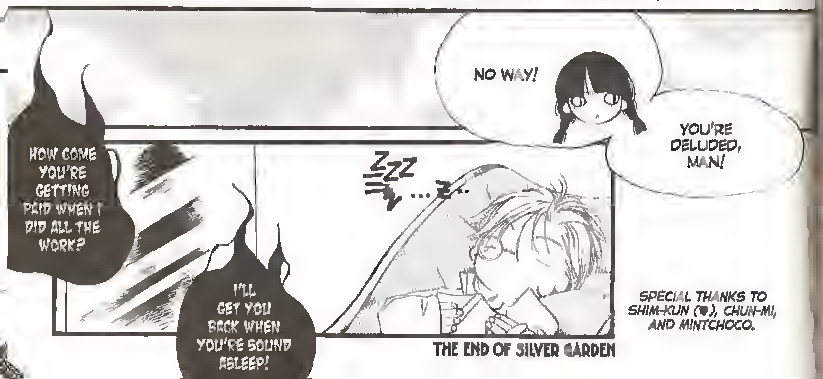
DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. I WAS JUST KIDDING.
DON'T WORRY. NONE OF MY GUYS ARE #!!VE ENOUGH TO MESS WITH YOU.
AND TELL YOUR PEOPLE I WON'T JUST STAND AROUND AND WATCH IF THEY TRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS AGAIN
I'LL SEE YOU SOON, SWEETUMS.

HEH HEH HEH... YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM ME NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO
THAT GUY'S REALLY CREEPING ME OUT.
COME WITH ME. IF WE JOIN HANDS, WE CAN EASILY CONQUER THE WORLD.
DOESN'T THAT TURN YOU ON?
HELL NO!!!
FINE, THEN COME WITH ME, CUTIE!
OH?
IN YOUR DREAMS, YOU PERVERT!
HE WAS ONCE A PROFESSOR WHO STUDIED SUPERNATURAL POWER ..BUT NOW, WELL, YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF
WHO IS THAT SICKO?
I'M NOT GOING UNTIL THE SORCERER CURES MY DISEASE!
I DO BELIEVE I'VE HEARD OF THIS WIZARD
PERHAPS I SHOULD TAKE HIM WITH ME TOO.
WHY WOULD I GO ANYWHERE WITH YOU?
YOU'RE DUMBER THAN YOU LOOK.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP?
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR YOU
SHUT UP!
YOU SAW MR. BARK DIDN'T YOU? I CAN TELL BY THE SHINE ON YOUR HEAD!
THE WHOLE WORLD IN MY HANDS! WHAT A GLORIOUS DREAM THAT IS!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? ARE YOU INCAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF HIM? IT'S SHAMEFUL!
AND, OH, IT'S THE FAMOUS SORCERER! WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD? CARE TO CREATE A PARADISE TOGETHER?
CRACK
GAH!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM? HE'S NEVER TELEPORTED BEFORE. IT TAKES TOO MUCH ENERGY.
HE'S
YOU.
OH! YOUR POWER INTOXI-CATES ME!
YES?
I REFUSE TO SOIL MY HANDS. TAKE CARE OF YOUR FRIEND.
QUIT DAWDLING! TOUCH HIM WITH YOUR DEATH HAND! NO ONE WILL FIND HIM OUT HERE!
WHAT'D HE SAY?! DON'T DO IT!

OH...
LOOK AT MY HAND! IT'S NORMAL AGAIN!
CURSES! HE MOVED FAST.
I THOUGHT IT'D TAKE AT LEAST A DAY!
NO! YOUR POWER CAN'T BE GONE!
WHAT ABOUT OUR PARADISE? MY PARADISE?
KICK
NO!
GAWD, WHAT A CHATTERBOX.
I'D ONLY TOUCH HIM WITH MY SHOE.
AAACH!
OH!
OK...
IS HE GOING TO DIE?
PROBABLY NOT. I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
ANYWAY...
...I SOLVED YOUR PROBLEM FOR YOU...
...SO THERE'S THE LITTLE MATTER OF MY BILL.

I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
A SHEEPER FOR LIFE
AS FAR AS I KNOW.
HAS HE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS?
I'M STILL LUCKY I FINALLY BELONG SOMEWHERE.
HE ACTS COLDHEARTED BUT HE'S REALLY A SOFTIE.



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A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

THE STORIES CONTAINED IN THIS VOLUME ARE ALL PRINTED JUST AS THEY ORIGINALLY WERE. I HAVEN'T MADE ANY CHANGES (WELL, ALMOST NONE). I THOUGHT PEOPLE MIGHT NOT RECOGNIZE THEM IF I CHANGED THEM TOO MUCH. TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I THOUGHT I'D SET IT ON FIRE IF I HAD TO GO BACK AND REVISE ANY OF IT. "THE ALIEN HOUSE" REQUIRED A LOT OF EFFORT, BUT IF I HAD TO CHOOSE MY FAVORITE, IT WOULD BE MY FIRST STORY. I LIKE IT A LOT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT SCARES ME TO LOOK AT IT AGAIN. (I WON'T REPEAT THE TITLE—IT'S IN THE TABLE OF CONTENTS.) I THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING THIS COLLECTION OF MY SHORT COMICS!